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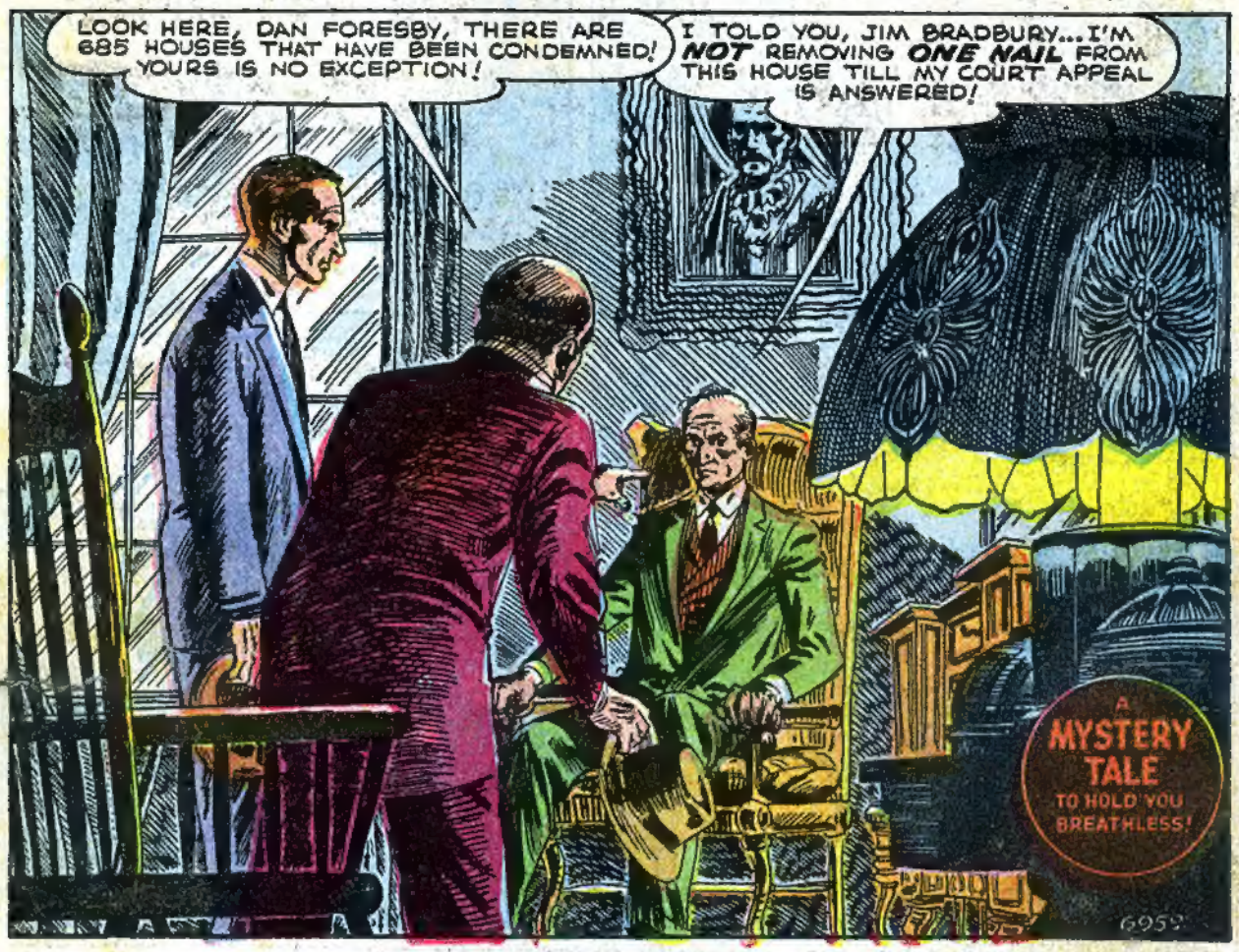
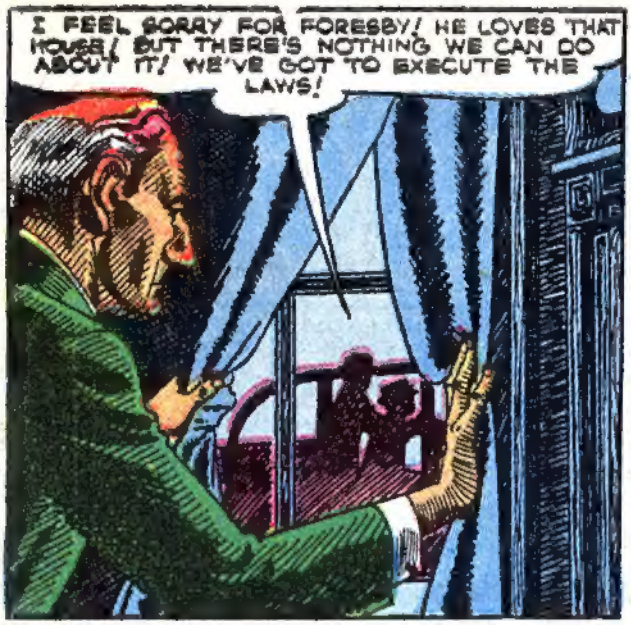
IT WAS ONE OF THE OLDEST HOUSES IN THE COUNTY, A HOUSE STEEPED IN TRADITION AND CONSERVATISM! INDEED, THE LAST HOUSE OF WHICH YOU'D EXPECT STRANGENESS AND MYSTERY! AND YET, THE MOST **AMAZING** THING HAPPENED AT 609 HOLLOW GROVE...

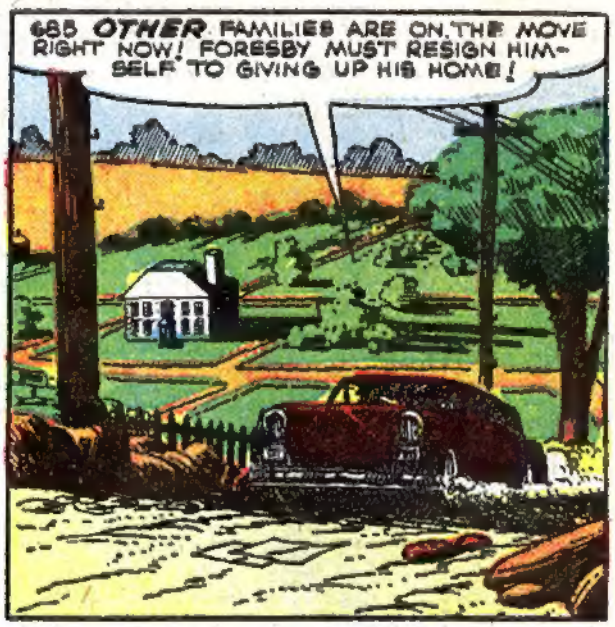
IT WALKS BY NIGHT!


LOOK HERE, DAN FORESBY, THERE ARE 685 HOUSES THAT HAVE BEEN CONDEMNED! YOURS IS NO EXCEPTION!
I TOLD YOU, JIM BRADBURY... I'M **NOT** REMOVING **ONE NAIL** FROM THIS HOUSE TILL MY COURT APPEAL IS ANSWERED!
A MYSTERY TALE TO HOLD YOU BREATHLESS!

THIS HOUSE HAS STOOD HERE FOR **150 YEARS** AND I'M NOT RAZING IT JUST BECAUSE SOME POLITICIAN WANTS TO BUILD A ROADWAY RIGHT THROUGH MY LIVING ROOM!
BE REASONABLE, DAN! THE HIGHWAY MUST PASS THROUGH **SOMEBODY'S** PROPERTY! IT'S THE GOOD OF THE **MANY** WE MUST THINK OF! THIS HIGHWAY IS NEEDED!

BY **YOU**, NOT **ME**! I'M FIGHTING IT, SEE? RIGHT UP TO THE **GOVERNOR**!
WHAT'S THE USE TALKING TO HIM! LET'S GO, ED! WHEN THE TIME COMES, WE'LL RUN A BULLDOZER THROUGH HIS PARLOR!


I FEEL SORRY FOR FORESBY! HE LOVES THAT HOUSE! BUT THERE'S NOTHING WE CAN DO ABOUT IT! WE'VE GOT TO EXECUTE THE LAWS!


685 OTHER FAMILIES ARE ON THE MOVE RIGHT NOW! FORESBY MUST RESIGN HIMSELF TO GIVING UP HIS HOME!

A MONTH LATER, THE COURT APPEAL WAS TURNED DOWN AND GOG HOLLOW GROVE WAS CONDEMNED...
YOU HAVE NO CHOICE, FORESBY! IF YOU WON'T RAZE YOUR HOUSE, THE STATE WILL!
ALL RIGHT, MARSHAL... YOU WIN! WE'LL GET OUT OF HERE!

THERE WAS A DEEP ACHE IN FORESBY'S HEART AS HE REGARDED THE OLD BUILDING! HE CARESSED THE PORCH RAILING...
YOU HEARD THEM, GOG! WE CAN'T STAY HERE BUT I CAN'T TEAR YOU DOWN! I COULDN'T STAND SEEING YOU REDUCED TO A HEAP OF PLASTER!

IT WAS IMPOSSIBLE FOR FORESBY TO SLEEP THAT NIGHT! HOW COULD HE SAVE HIS HOUSE? SUDDENLY, OUT OF THE DEPTHS OF DESPAIR, HE SAW A RAY OF LIGHT...
TRANSPORTATION!

I'LL MOVE THE HOUSE ELSEWHERE! I'VE READ ABOUT SUCH THINGS! THEY PUT ROLLERS UNDER THE FOUNDATIONS! THEY TAKE IT ANYWHERE YOU WANT!

OF COURSE THE LAND WILL BE DIFFERENT! IT'LL BE ANOTHER PROPERTY! BUT AT LEAST THE HOUSE WILL BE INTACT!

USING THE MONEY HE'D RECEIVED AS COMPENSATION, FORESBY ARRANGED TO TRANSPORT HIS HOUSE! THROUGHOUT THE OPERATION, HE WAS IN GREAT ANXIETY LEST THE OLD HOUSE BE DAMAGED...

BE CAREFUL! THAT LEFT WALL IS VERY WEAK!

EVEN WHEN THE DWELLING WAS SAFELY TRANSFERRED TO ITS PLATFORM ON WHEELS, FORESBY TRAILED FRETFULLY BEHIND...

DRIVE SLOWLY! DON'T JAR THE HOUSE! IT'S VERY FRAIL! BE CAREFUL!

BUT THE JOB CAME OFF WITHOUT A HITCH! SUNSET FOUND FORESBY AND HIS ANCESTRAL HOUSE IN A NEW SETTING...

IT'S A NEW LOCATION, BUT AT LEAST THE ***HOUSE*** IS IN ONE PIECE!

FUNNY, FOR 150 YEARS THIS HOUSE REMAINED IN ONE SPOT, ALMOST PART OF THE GROUND ITSELF! THEN, SUDDENLY, OVERNIGHT, IT LAYS DOWN ITS OLD ROOTS ELSEWHERE!

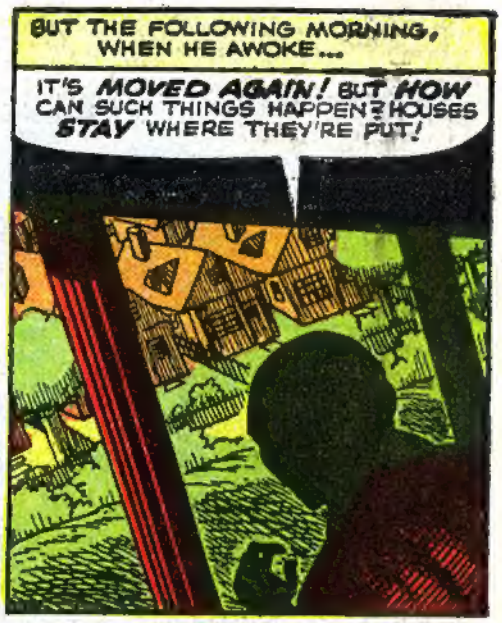
IT WAS INDEED STRANGE! FOR THE FIRST TIME IN A CENTURY AND A HALF, THE FORESBY HOME SPENT A NIGHT IN ANOTHER LOCALE! THE NIGHT WAS STAR-STUDDED, THE SOFT WINDS SIGHED AROUND ITS ANCIENT EAVES! THE WORLD WAS AT REST, AND SO WAS DAN FORESBY...

BUT IN THE MORNING, WHEN DAN FORESBY AWOKE...

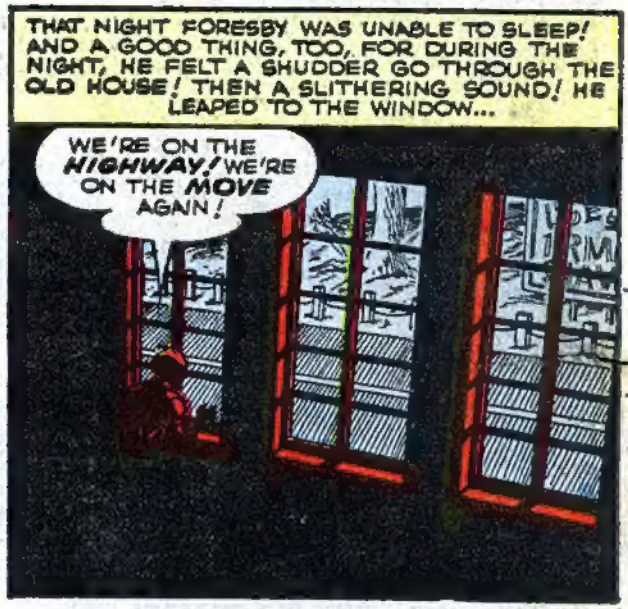
G-GOOD GRIEF!

THERE'S A ***LAKE*** OUT THERE! AND THOSE ***HILLS!*** THERE WERE NO HILLS YESTERDAY!

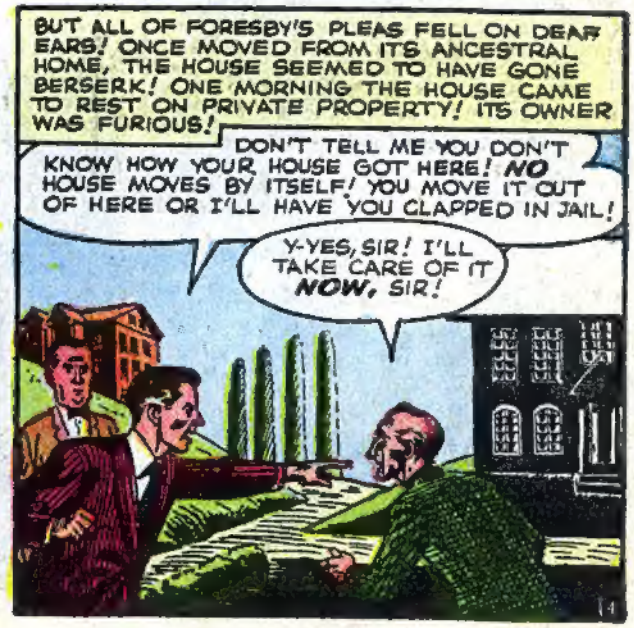
THE MORE DAN FORESBY THOUGHT ABOUT IT, THE MORE CONFUSED HE BECAME! HOW COULD A HOUSE MOVE OVERNIGHT ...BY ITSELF? HE WENT TO SLEEP THAT NIGHT, DISTURBED BEYOND IMAGINATION...

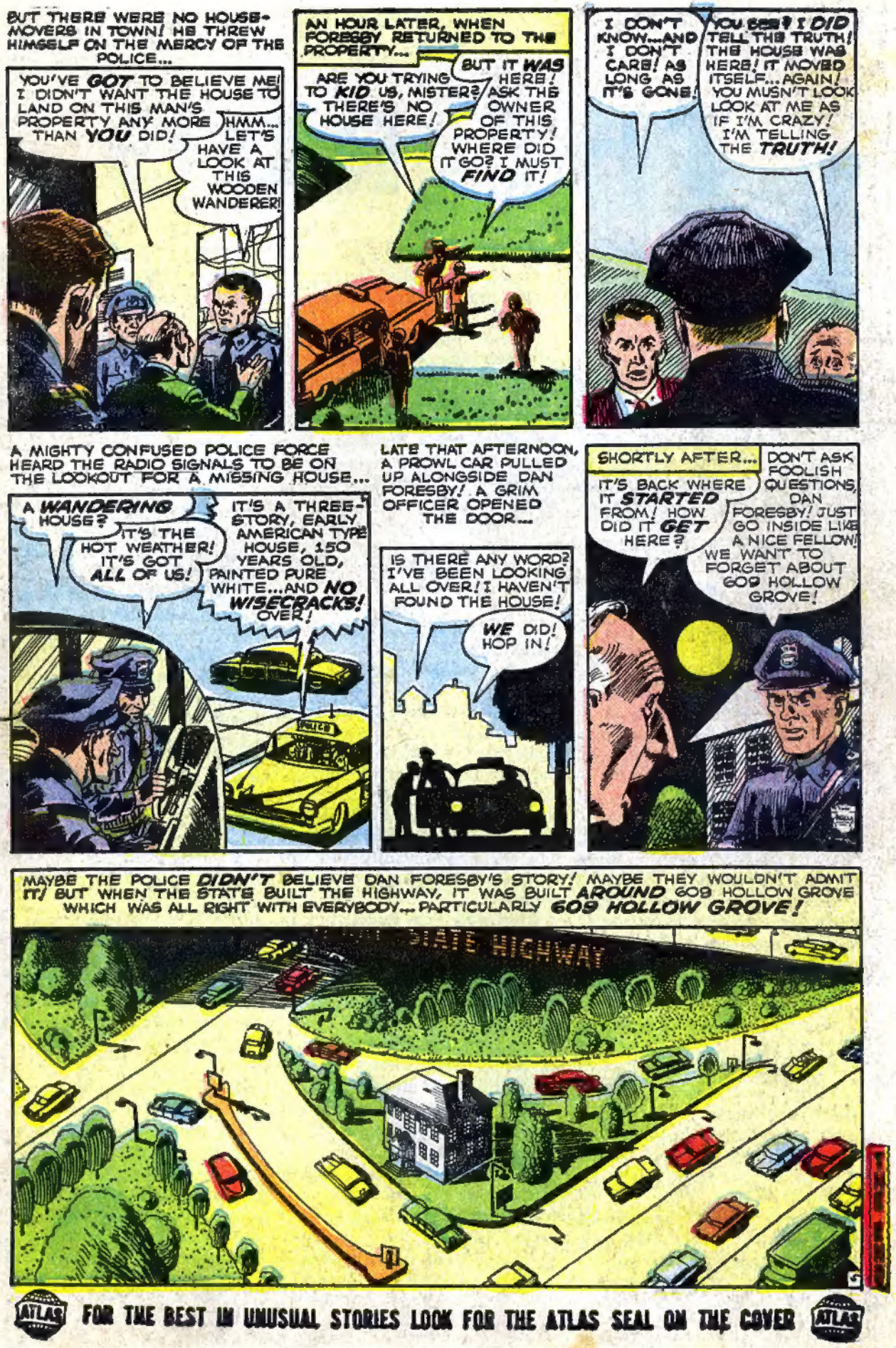


ALL DAY LONG FORESBY WONDERED AND WORRIED! WAS SOMETHING HAPPENING TO HIM? MAYBE HIS MIND WAS TURNING! MAYBE HE SAW THINGS THAT WEREN'T THERE...
HOUSES DON'T MOVE! IT'S MYSELF! I'M NOT ABLE TO TAKE THE CHANGE! IT'S AFFECTED MY REASONING!


THAT NIGHT FORESBY WAS UNABLE TO SLEEP! AND A GOOD THING, TOO, FOR DURING THE NIGHT, HE FELT A SHUDDER GO THROUGH THE OLD HOUSE! THEN A SLITHERING SOUND! HE LEAPED TO THE WINDOW...
WE'RE ON THE HIGHWAY! WE'RE ON THE MOVE AGAIN!

BUT IT WAS ONLY THE BEGINNING! THE SAME THING HAPPENED NIGHT AFTER NIGHT! THE HOUSE KEPT WANDERING EVERY 24 HOURS LIKE A WOODEN GYPSY! EACH MORNING, FORESBY AWAKENED TO FIND THE HOUSE IN A DIFFERENT LOCALE! HE WAS BESIDE HIMSELF WITH DESPAIR...
THIS MUST STOP! HOUSES DON'T GO WANDERING AROUND BY NIGHT, LANDING IN A DIFFERENT PLACE EACH TIME!


BUT ALL OF FORESBY'S PLEAS FELL ON DEAF EARS! ONCE MOVED FROM ITS ANCESTRAL HOME, THE HOUSE SEEMED TO HAVE GONE BERSERK! ONE MORNING THE HOUSE CAME TO REST ON PRIVATE PROPERTY! ITS OWNER WAS FURIOUS!
DON'T TELL ME YOU DON'T KNOW HOW YOUR HOUSE GOT HERE! NO HOUSE MOVES BY ITSELF! YOU MOVE IT OUT OF HERE OR I'LL HAVE YOU CLAPPED IN JAIL!
Y-YES, SIR! I'LL TAKE CARE OF IT NOW, SIR!


BUT THERE WERE NO HOUSE-MOVERS IN TOWN! HE THREW HIMSELF ON THE MERCY OF THE POLICE...
YOU'VE GOT TO BELIEVE ME! I DIDN'T WANT THE HOUSE TO LAND ON THIS MAN'S PROPERTY ANY MORE THAN YOU DID!
HMM... LET'S HAVE A LOOK AT THIS WOODEN WANDERER!
AN HOUR LATER, WHEN FORESBY RETURNED TO THE PROPERTY...
ARE YOU TRYING TO KID US, MISTER? THERE'S NO HOUSE HERE!
BUT IT WAS HERE! ASK THE OWNER OF THIS PROPERTY! WHERE DID IT GO? I MUST FIND IT!
I DON'T KNOW...AND I DON'T CARE! AS LONG AS IT'S GONE!
YOU SEE? I DID TELL THE TRUTH! THE HOUSE WAS HERE! IT MOVED ITSELF...AGAIN! YOU MUSN'T LOOK LOOK AT ME AS IF I'M CRAZY! I'M TELLING THE TRUTH!
A MIGHTY CONFUSED POLICE FORCE HEARD THE RADIO SIGNALS TO BE ON THE LOOKOUT FOR A MISSING HOUSE...
A WANDERING HOUSE?
IT'S THE HOT WEATHER! IT'S GOT ALL OF US!
IT'S A THREE-STORY, EARLY AMERICAN TYPE HOUSE, 150 YEARS OLD, PAINTED PURE WHITE...AND NO WISECRACKS! OVER!
LATE THAT AFTERNOON, A PROWL CAR PULLED UP ALONGSIDE DAN FORESBY! A GRIM OFFICER OPENED THE DOOR...
IS THERE ANY WORD? I'VE BEEN LOOKING ALL OVER! I HAVEN'T FOUND THE HOUSE!
WE DID! HOP IN!
SHORTLY AFTER...
IT'S BACK WHERE IT STARTED FROM! HOW DID IT GET HERE?
DON'T ASK FOOLISH QUESTIONS, DAN FORESBY! JUST GO INSIDE LIKE A NICE FELLOW! WE WANT TO FORGET ABOUT 609 HOLLOW GROVE!
MAYBE THE POLICE DIDN'T BELIEVE DAN FORESBY'S STORY! MAYBE THEY WOULDN'T ADMIT IT! BUT WHEN THE STATE BUILT THE HIGHWAY, IT WAS BUILT AROUND 609 HOLLOW GROVE WHICH WAS ALL RIGHT WITH EVERYBODY... PARTICULARLY 609 HOLLOW GROVE!
STATE HIGHWAY

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THE RUG

THE apartment on Mulberry Street may not have been the last word in modern living, but Fred Healy was glad to get a fairly decent place to live. Moving to a new town to take a job could be a tough assignment if he had to stay at the hotel much longer. He was anxious for his wife to join him in the new place. And of course, there was Pop, his wife's father. He would have to come along, too.

When Mrs. Healy and her father arrived at their new living quarters, Fred was prepared for Pop's reaction, but he tried to act calmly as if he wasn't a bit bothered by the old man's cranky manner.

"So this is what we're moving into," said Pop grumpily, surveying the cracked walls and the tiny rooms disdainfully. "I can tell you right now that I don't count on city living appealing to me."

"Now, Pop," Fred protested, "we've just got to see this thing through together. It would be a different story if you could shift for yourself. Why, Betty and I would be happy to see you back in Elmira . . . not that we wouldn't miss you," he added hastily.

Pop squinted at him from behind his thick-lensed glasses.

"That's a lot of flurpindurp!"

"Now, now, daddy," said Betty soothingly. "Don't let your temper get the better of you. And please stop saying that silly expression. It sounds so ridiculous."

"Flurpindurp?!!" exclaimed Pop. He chuckled. "Well, it may sound silly to you, but it's an original word I came by as a young whippersnapper, and it makes me feel sort of young to use it."

"I was just thinking of the new neighbors and creating the right kind of impression," Betty explained. "Why, look, Fred, the tenants who lived here before us left a few odd tables and a chair in the living room. I wonder if they'll be back for them."

"The superintendent said for us to keep what we can use, and he'll put the rest in the storage room. You know these things will come in handy until we pick up some cheap furniture to fill in."

Betty walked into the bedrooms.

"I ordered some box springs and mattresses," she said. "They'll be delivered today, and the telephone will be connected this afternoon, too. Say, what's this old thing? Well, this you can put down in the storage room. I certainly will not keep a messy old rug like that around!"

Fred and Pop joined her in the smallest bedroom. In a corner of the room lay a tattered rug. Betty gingerly prodded it with her foot and a cloud of dust filled the air.

"Did you ever see anything so worn and messy!" Betty shook her head disapprovingly.

"I'll take it downstairs right now," Fred volunteered.

"No you don't!!"

The Healys looked at Pop in amazement. He stood there defiantly, blocking Fred's path toward the rug.

"Now, don't be silly, Pop," said Fred kindly. "You're not going to stop me from taking that old rug away just because you want to pitch in and do the job yourself. There'll be lots of other work around here for you to help out with, and . . .

Pop shook his head stubbornly, but a mischievous twinkle brightened his eyes.

"I don't count on either you or me getting rid of that rug, son. I'm keeping it."

"Oh, no!" Betty protested. "Not that old, torn piece of carpet!"

"Why not?" asked Pop. He pouted childishly. "Guess I don't amount to much around here after all. I sort of like the idea of having something of my own to come by. Besides, that funny old rug appeals to me. Looks most as old as I am, doesn't it?"

He chortled gayly, and Betty and Fred knew that they had lost the argument.

"Well, if you have your heart set on it," Fred conceded.

"I certainly am not looking forward to cleaning it up," said Betty, surveying the old rug with a wry face.

"That will be my job," Pop volunteered. "I'll take it up to the roof and give it a good whip in the wind to unsettle the dust."

Before they could stop him he had scooped the rug into his arms and breezed past them and out the door.

"Unsettle the dust," Fred repeated mournfully. "Why the entire city will be bound in by fog by the time he's through. Sometimes I wish he didn't

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A STRANGER IN OUR MIDST!

A MYSTERY TALE TO HOLD YOU BREATHLESS!
EXCUSE ME, SIR, BUT YOU'RE INCORRECTLY ATTIRED!
OH? I THOUGHT I'D GET BY UNNOTICED! I LOOK JUST LIKE THAT MAN OVER THERE!

PRECISELY THE TROUBLE, SIR! YOU KNOW THE RULES! NO TWO PEOPLE MAY LOOK ALIKE! THE OTHER PIRATE IS MR. DREXEL AND HE REGISTERED THAT APPEARANCE FIRST!
GUESS I FORGOT THE RULES!

IF YOU COULD JUST ALTER YOUR APPEARANCE A TRIFLE...
NOTHING COULD BE SIMPLER! I WANT TO BE ACCEPTED HERE LIKE ANYONE ELSE! I'LL BE RIGHT BACK!

A FEW MINUTES LATER, AS THE MUSIC SWELLS TO THE TEMPO OF A MAMBO, THE GUEST RETURNS IN A NEW OUTFIT...
WELL, I HOPE I GET BY LIKE THIS WITHOUT CAUSING ANY NOTICE!
IF HE IS ACCEPTED HERE LIKE THAT, THERE'S NO REASON WHY I SHOULDN'T BE!
BEGGING YOUR PARDON, SIR..
OH, HELLO! NOTHING WRONG NOW, IS THERE?
WELL, WE JUST CAN'T HAVE TWO CLOWNS, CAN WE?
I RATHER LIKED THIS APPEARANCE... IT SEEMS VERY CHEERFUL!
RULES ARE RULES, SIR! TWO CLOWNS ARE QUITE UNACCEPTABLE! COULDN'T YOU THINK UP A BETTER WAY OF COMING?
WELL, MY COMING WAS SORT OF A LAST MINUTE MATTER!
I'LL BE BACK SOON!
THE EVENING'S STILL QUITE YOUNG SIR! I'M GLAD YOU UNDERSTAND!
FIVE MINUTES LATER, THE BUTLER'S STAID MANNER IS RUDELY SHAKEN BY THE TROUBLESOME GUEST'S RETURN...
MY WORD! IT'S LIKE LOOKING IN A MIRROR!
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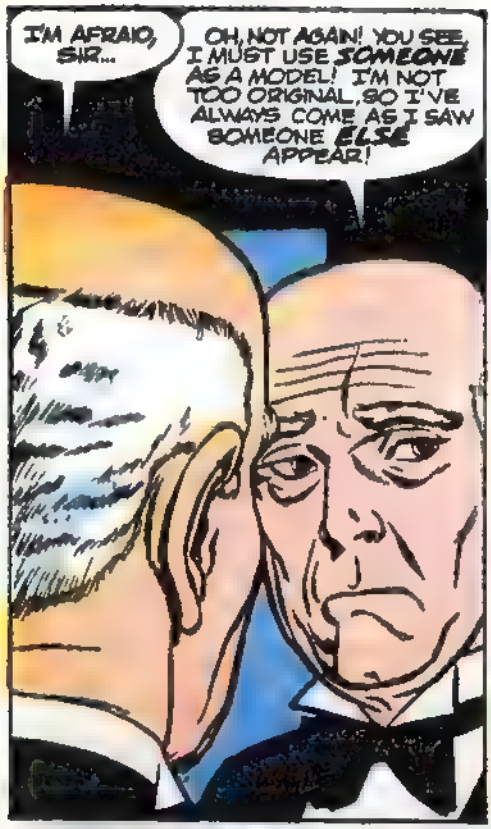
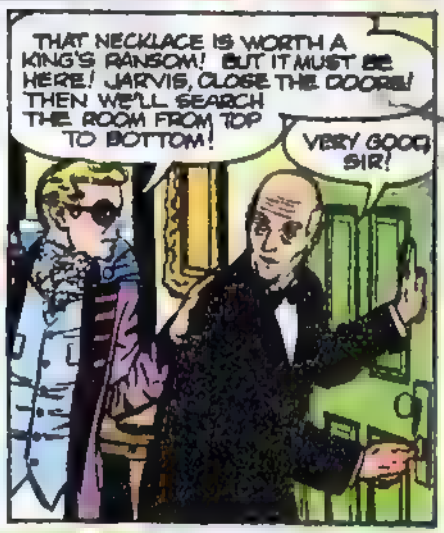

I'M AFRAID, SIR...
OH, NOT AGAIN! YOU SEE, I MUST USE SOMEONE AS A MODEL! I'M NOT TOO ORIGINAL, SO I'VE ALWAYS COME AS I SAW SOMEONE ELSE APPEAR!

WELL, SIR, IF YOU MUST APPEAR AS SOMEONE ELSE, PLEASE CHOOSE ANOTHER APPEARANCE! AFTER ALL... MINE ISN'T QUITE FITTING... I'M ONLY A SERVANT!
ALL RIGHT! I'LL TRY AGAIN! I DON'T WANT TO GO AGAINST ANY SOCIAL CUSTOMS!

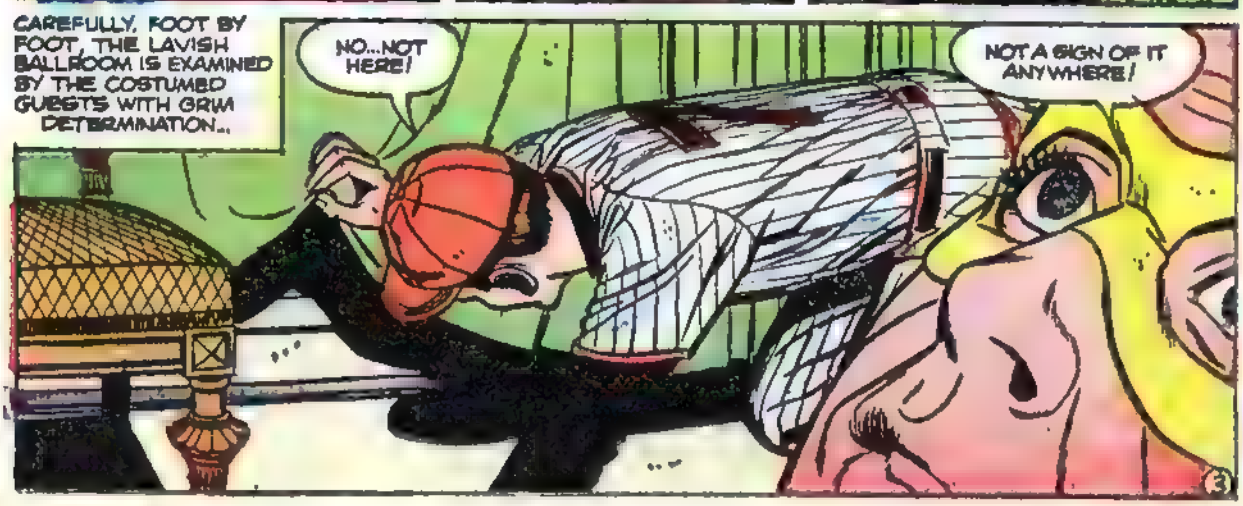
RESIGNEDLY, THE BUTLER SEES THE STRANGER SOON RETURN IN THE COSTUME OF ANOTHER GUEST...

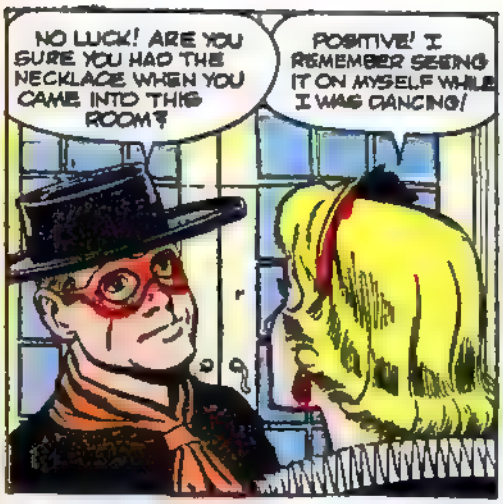
MAY I SUGGEST, SIR, YOU STAY AS FAR AS POSSIBLE FROM THE OTHER MUSKETEER! IN THAT WAY, PERHAPS NO ONE WILL NOTICE TWO PEOPLE LOOKING ALIKE!
AGREED! BUT YOU SURE GO IN FOR ORIGINALITY OF APPEARANCE HERE!

BUT HARDLY DOES THE GUEST ENTER THE ROOM, WHEN THE PEACEFUL STRAINS OF A WALTZ ARE GHASTLY SHATTERED...


THAT NECKLACE IS WORTH A KING'S RANSOM! BUT IT MUST BE HERE! JARVIS, CLOSE THE DOORS! THEN WE'LL SEARCH THE ROOM FROM TOP TO BOTTOM!
VERY GOOD, SIR!

CAREFULLY, FOOT BY FOOT, THE LAVISH BALLROOM IS EXAMINED BY THE COSTUMED GUESTS WITH GRIM DETERMINATION...



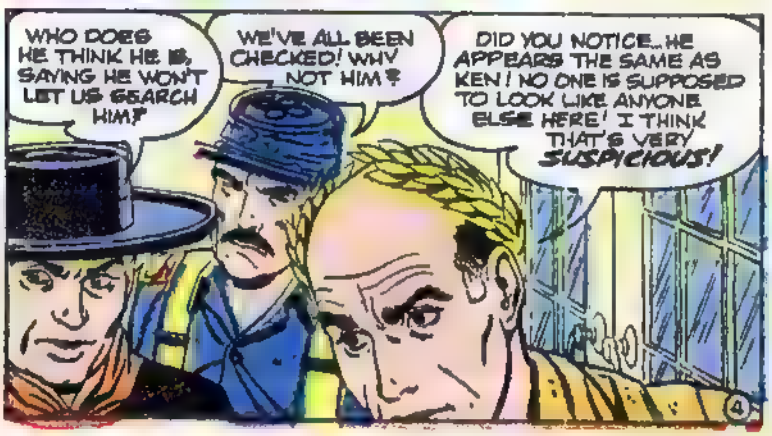

NO LUCK! ARE YOU SURE YOU HAD THE NECKLACE WHEN YOU CAME INTO THIS ROOM?
POSITIVE! I REMEMBER SEEING IT ON MYSELF WHILE I WAS DANCING!

HERE! I'LL BE THE FIRST TO HAVE MYSELF SEARCHED! IF NO ONE HERE TOOK THE NECKLACE, THEN NO ONE SHOULD OBJECT TO BEING SEARCHED!
I CERTAINLY DON'T OBJECT TO BEING SEARCHED!
LET'S FORM A LINE!

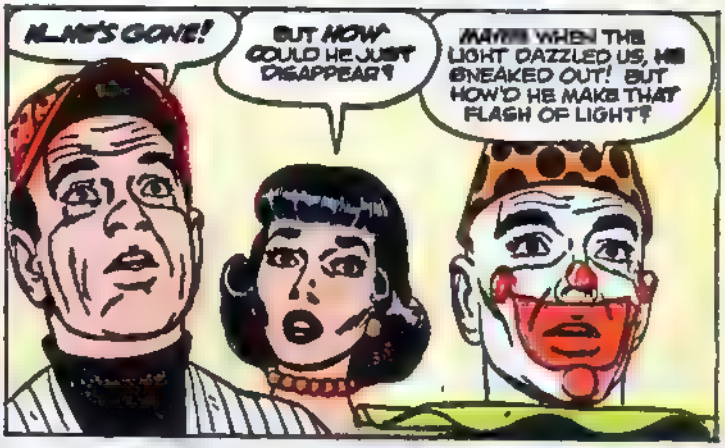
A BUZZ OF AFFIRMING VOICES AGREES TO THE SEARCH! THEN ONE BY ONE, THE MASKED GUESTS SUBMIT THEMSELVES TO THE CLOSE SCRUTINY OF THEIR FELLOW MASQUERADERS..

ONCE YOU KNOW WHO I AM, I SHOULD BE CLEARED!
NO, KEN, I GUESS YOU WOULDN'T STEAL YOUR OWN WIFE'S NECKLACE! BUT YOU'D BETTER PLAY THE GAME AND LET US CHECK!

YOU'RE NEXT!
SORRY! I CAN'T PERMIT YOU TO SEARCH ME! IT JUST GOES AGAINST MY PRINCIPLES! I THOUGHT I COULD CONTROL MY FEELINGS, BUT I WAS WRONG! TO LET YOU SEARCH ME WOULD BE TO ADMIT THE IMPOSSIBLE..THAT I MIGHT STEAL!

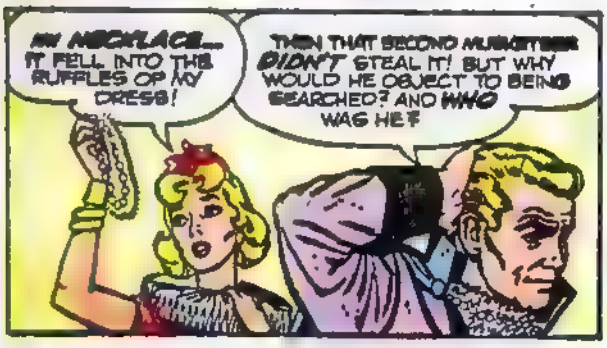

WHO DOES HE THINK HE IS, SAYING HE WON'T LET US SEARCH HIM?
WE'VE ALL BEEN CHECKED! WHY NOT HIM?
DID YOU NOTICE..HE APPEARS THE SAME AS KEN! NO ONE IS SUPPOSED TO LOOK LIKE ANYONE ELSE HERE! I THINK THAT'S VERY SUSPICIOUS!

AS THE ANGRY GUESTS CLOSE IN, THE STRANGER TOUCHES HIS FINGER TIPS LIGHTLY, AND SUDDENLY THERE IS A BLINDING FLASH..

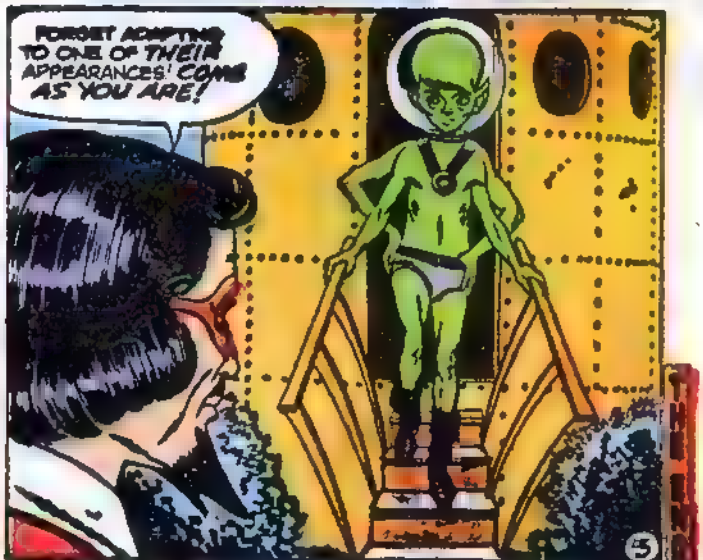

HE'S GONE!
BUT HOW COULD HE JUST DISAPPEAR?
MAYBE WHEN THE LIGHT DAZZLED US, HE SNEAKED OUT! BUT HOW'D HE MAKE THAT FLASH OF LIGHT?

AS THE BEWILDERED GUESTS TRY TO FIGURE OUT THE STARTLING VANISHING ACT..

AS THE GUEST LIST IS CHECKED IN VAIN, THE MISSING MASQUERADER SWIFTLY PASSES THROUGH THE SHADOWY GARDEN..


MY NECKLACE... IT FELL INTO THE RUFFLES OF MY DRESS!
THEN THAT SECOND MUSKETEER DIDN'T STEAL IT! BUT WHY WOULD HE OBJECT TO BEING SEARCHED? AND WHO WAS HE?

I JUST LEFT A TYPICAL DWELLING! SEEMS THERE'S A LAW HERE AGAINST ANYONE LOOKING LIKE ANYONE ELSE! THEY ARE VERY SUSPICIOUS PEOPLE, SO IF YOU WANT TO STUDY THEM WITHOUT CREATING A FUSS..



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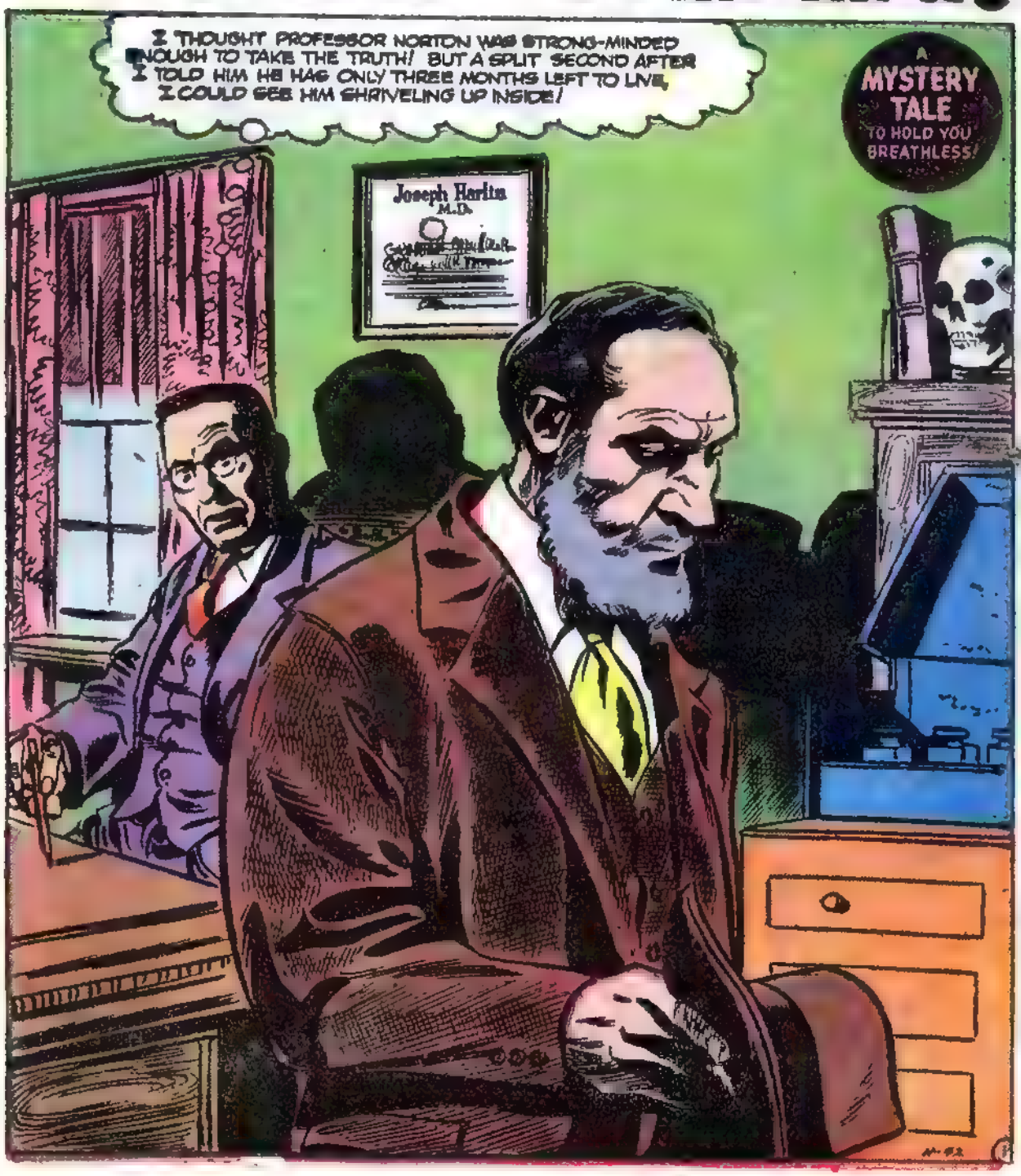
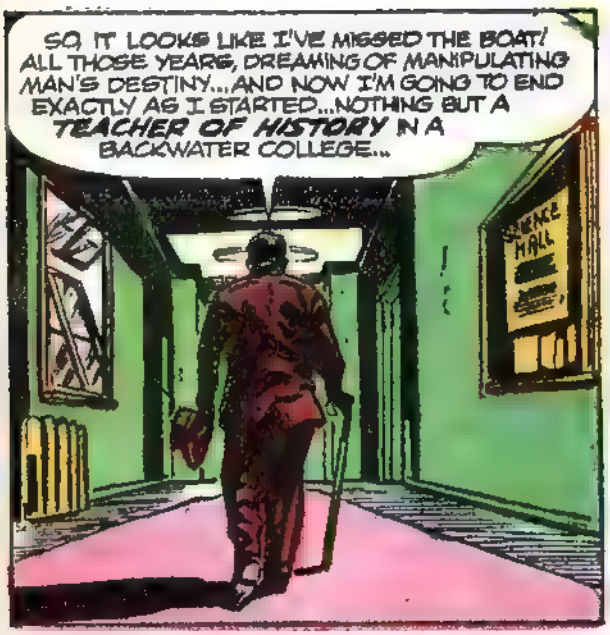
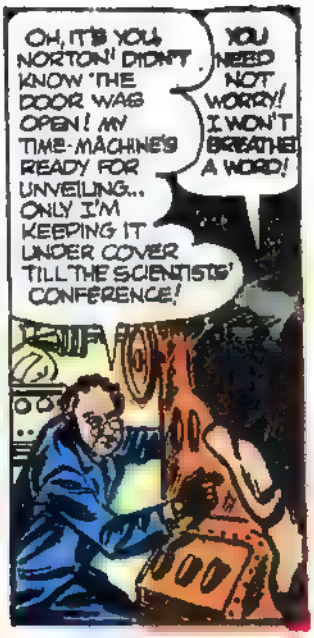
WHAT DOES AN OLD MAN DO WHEN AFTER YEARNING ENDLESSLY TO ESCAPE THE DRY-AS-DUST NARROWNESS OF HIS CLOISTERED LIFE, HE LEARNS **THERE'S NO TIME LEFT?** WHAT DOES HE DO, WITH BITTERNESS RISING IN HIS THROAT... AND **THE LAST ESCAPE HATCH** IRREVOCABLY SLIDING SHUT BEFORE HIS FADING EYES?

THE OLD MAN!

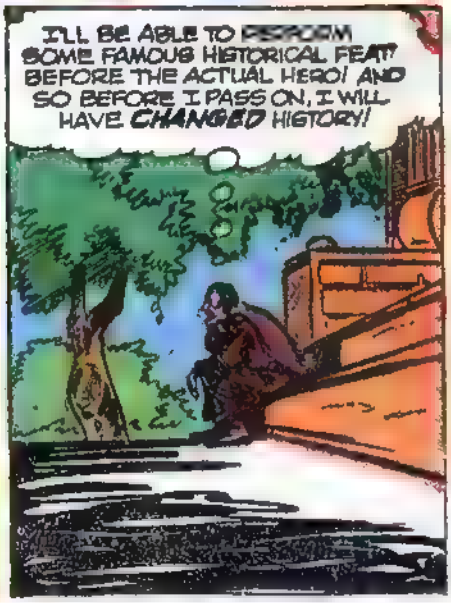

I THOUGHT PROFESSOR NORTON WAS STRONG-MINDED ENOUGH TO TAKE THE TRUTH! BUT A SPLIT SECOND AFTER I TOLD HIM HE HAD ONLY THREE MONTHS LEFT TO LIVE, I COULD SEE HIM SHRIVELING UP INSIDE!
A MYSTERY TALE TO HOLD YOU BREATHLESS!
Joseph Harlin M.D.


SO, IT LOOKS LIKE I'VE MISSED THE BOAT! ALL THOSE YEARS, DREAMING OF MANIPULATING MAN'S DESTINY...AND NOW I'M GOING TO END EXACTLY AS I STARTED...NOTHING BUT A TEACHER OF HISTORY IN A BACKWATER COLLEGE...
SCIENCE HALL

A MOMENT LATER, GLANCING WEARILY THROUGH A HALF-OPEN DOOR, HE FELT A TINGLING SENSE OF RISING EXCITEMENT...


OH, IT'S YOU, NORTON! I DIDN'T KNOW THE DOOR WAS OPEN! MY TIME-MACHINE'S READY FOR UNVEILING... ONLY I'M KEEPING IT UNDER COVER TILL THE SCIENTISTS' CONFERENCE!
YOU NEED NOT WORRY! I WON'T BREATHE A WORD!

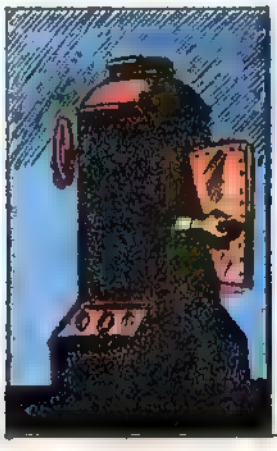
THE ELATION BUILT INSIDE HIM, AND IF HE HAD NOT SEATED HIMSELF, HE WOULD HAVE FALLEN...


I'LL BE ABLE TO PERFORM SOME FAMOUS HISTORICAL FEAT BEFORE THE ACTUAL HERO! AND SO BEFORE I PASS ON, I WILL HAVE CHANGED HISTORY!

IT WAS AFTER MIDNIGHT NOW... LONG PAST THE TIME WHEN MEN AS OLD AS PROFESSOR NORTON SHOULD HAVE BEEN ASLEEP...

QUICKLY DONNING A SUITABLE COSTUME BORROWED FROM THE COLLEGE HISTORICAL MUSEUM...HE ENTERED THE TIME MACHINE!

AFTER PULLING THE SWITCH, HE FELT A QUICK SENSE OF REGRET! BUT BEFORE HE COULD THINK FURTHER, THERE WAS A SOUND OF RUSHING WINDS, AND THEN, ONLY BLACKNESS...



THE SOUND OF RUSHING WINDS DIMINISHED, AND WHEN HE OPENED HIS EYES...

I'VE ARRIVED! THIS IS *PORTUGAL*...1490!

HE WAS STILL AN OLD MAN...THE JOURNEY THROUGH TIME HAD NOT CHANGED THAT, BUT AS HE WALKED TOWARD THE CITY, HE FELT STRONG AND FULL OF JOY...

EVERYTHING'S WORKING OUT PERFECTLY! THE RIGHT PLACE...AND JUST IN TIME! I SHALL DISCOVER AMERICA BEFORE COLUMBUS! HIS FAME WILL BE *MINE!*

NOW ALL THAT STOOD BETWEEN HIM AND ETERNAL FAME, WAS THE SMALL MATTER OF FINANCING THE EXPEDITION TO THE AMERICAS...

I'LL HAVE NO TROUBLE! WITH MY 20TH CENTURY COMMAND OF FACTS, I'LL BE ABLE TO PINPOINT EVERY FUTURE CITY AND TOWN IN THE WESTERN HEMISPHERE FOR THEM!

BUT HE DID HAVE TROUBLE...

WHAT IS THIS FOOL TRYING TO SAY? THAT THE WORLD IS *ROUND*...WHEN EVERYBODY KNOWS IT IS *FLAT!* AND THESE GIBBERISH NAMES...LIKE NEW YORK AND CHICAGO! THROW HIM OUT!

I'LL HAVE TO TAKE ANOTHER TACK! I'LL HAVE TO REASON WITH THEM ON THEIR OWN CRUDE 15TH CENTURY LEVEL!

SO NOW, USING SIMPLE PROOFS, HE PRESENTED HIS CASE TO OTHER MEN OF WEALTH...

THE WORLD MUST BE ROUND, SIRES...IF NOT FOR ITS CURVED SURFACE, THE HORIZON WOULD *NEVER* LIMIT OUR VISION!

HE NO LONGER SPOKE OF THE AMERICAS...JUST OF A NEW ROUTE TO THE ORIENT! AND THEY LISTENED ATTENTIVELY, BECAUSE HE WAS PLAYING ON THEIR IMPERIAL AND MERCANTILE AMBITIONS...YET THEIR RESPONSE WAS ALWAYS THE SAME...

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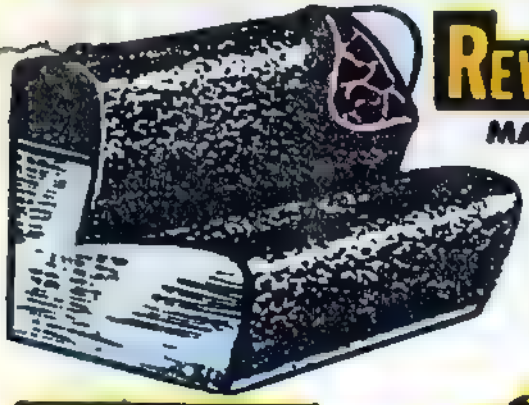

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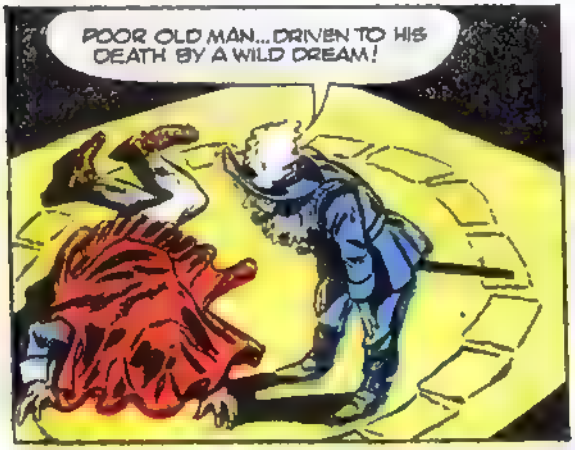
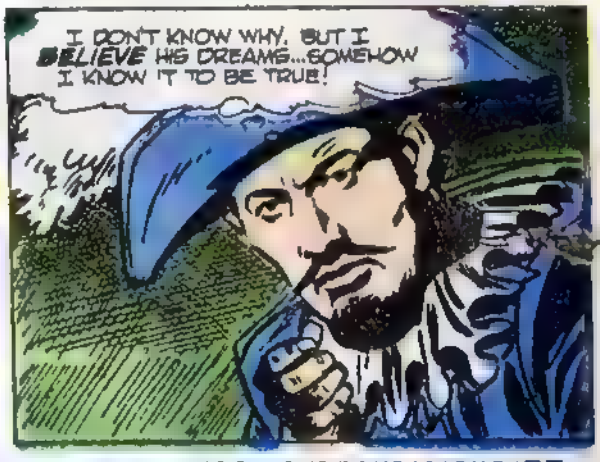
THE FEELINGS OF CONFIDENCE LEFT HIM NOW... HE FELT EVEN OLDER AND FEEBLER THAN BEFORE! SO HE TOOK TO THE PUBLIC SQUARES, CRYING OUT HIS MESSAGE...

BUT THEY ANSWERED ONLY WITH JEERS... AND HE BEGAN TO SINK FAST!

GASPING AT THE PASSING STRANGER'S KINDNESS, HE POURED OUT THE WHOLE FANTASTIC STORY! BUT WHEN HE WAS FINISHED, HE COULD READ DISBELIEF IN THE STRANGER'S EYES...AND CERTAIN THAT HE HAD FAILED AGAIN, HE SIGHED DESPAIRINGLY AND DIED...

BUT THE STRANGER WAS A KINDLY MAN, AND HE TOOK CHARGE OF THE OLD MAN'S BURIAL BEFORE TRYING TO RETURN TO HIS BUSINESS! BUT THERE WAS NO RETURNING! DAY AND NIGHT, THE OLD MAN'S DYING MUTTERINGS ECHOED INSIDE HIS HEAD...AND AT LAST...

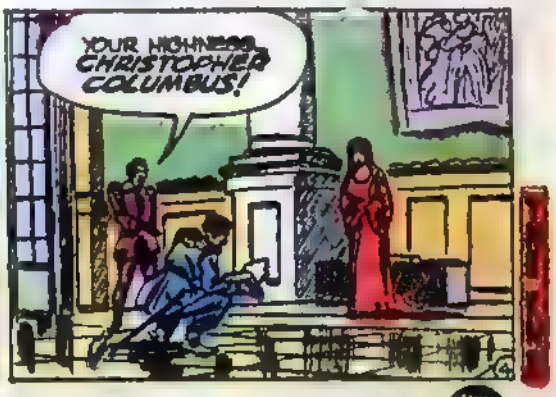




AND SO HE BEGAN TO PLEAD...JUST AS THE OLD MAN HAD...WITH THE SAME FERVOR, USING THE SAME SIMPLE PROOFS...

AND AT FIRST HE TOO WAS REBUFFED! BUT HE PERSISTED... AND AT LAST A MOST IMPORTANT INTERVIEW WAS ARRANGED! WITH ONE OF THE MOST POWERFUL PERSONAGES IN THE LAND...

NOW HE WAS STANDING BREATHLESSLY ON THE THRESHOLD OF THE QUEEN'S CHAMBER, WONDERING IF HE WOULD MEET THE SAME DESOLATE FATE AS THE OLD MAN, OR WHETHER HE WOULD GO DOWN IN HISTORY AS THE GREATEST OF ALL EXPLORERS...WHEN SUDDENLY, THE MEASURED TONES OF A PAGE ANNOUNCING HIM, CUT OFF HIS REVERIE...



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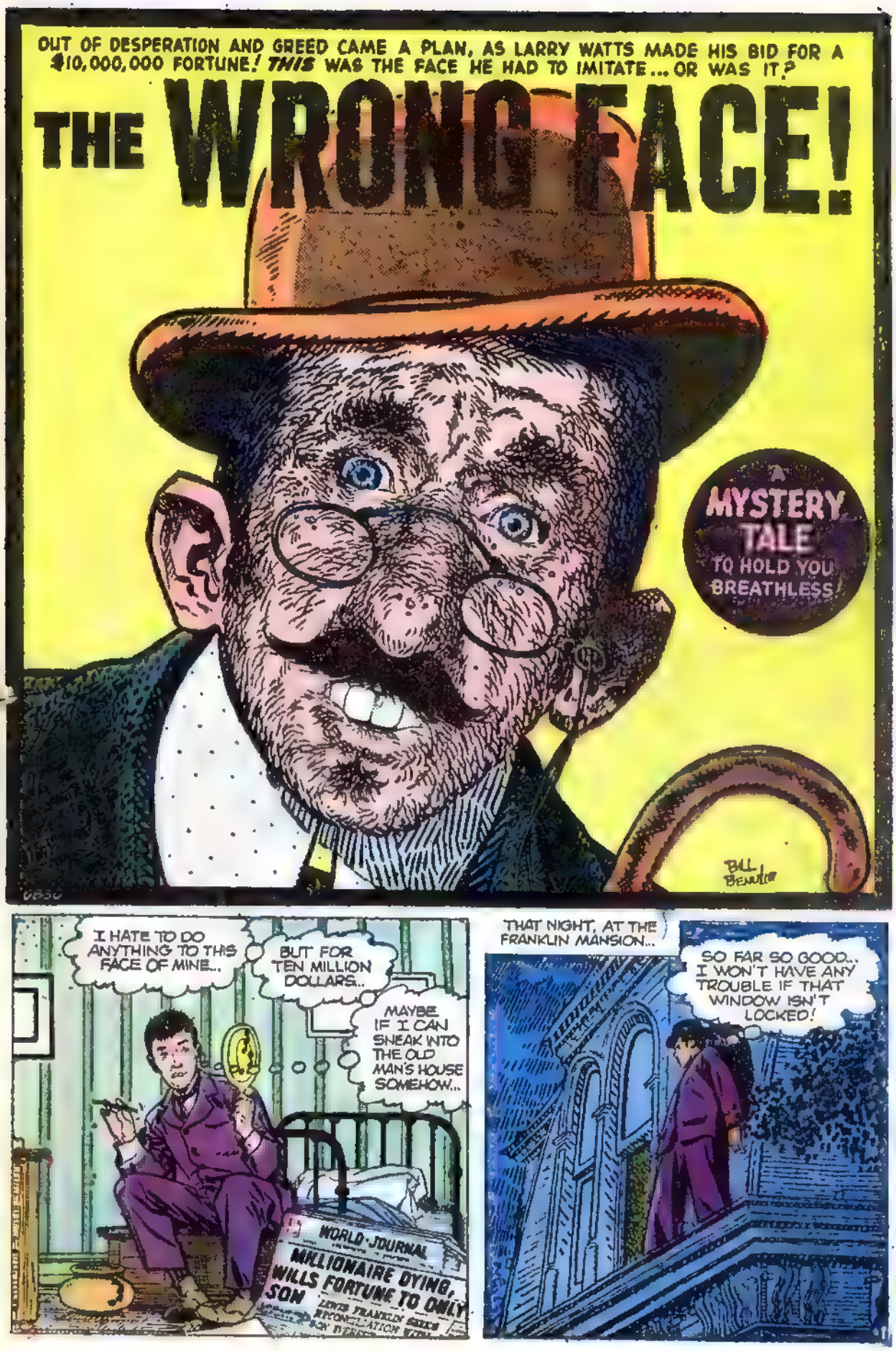
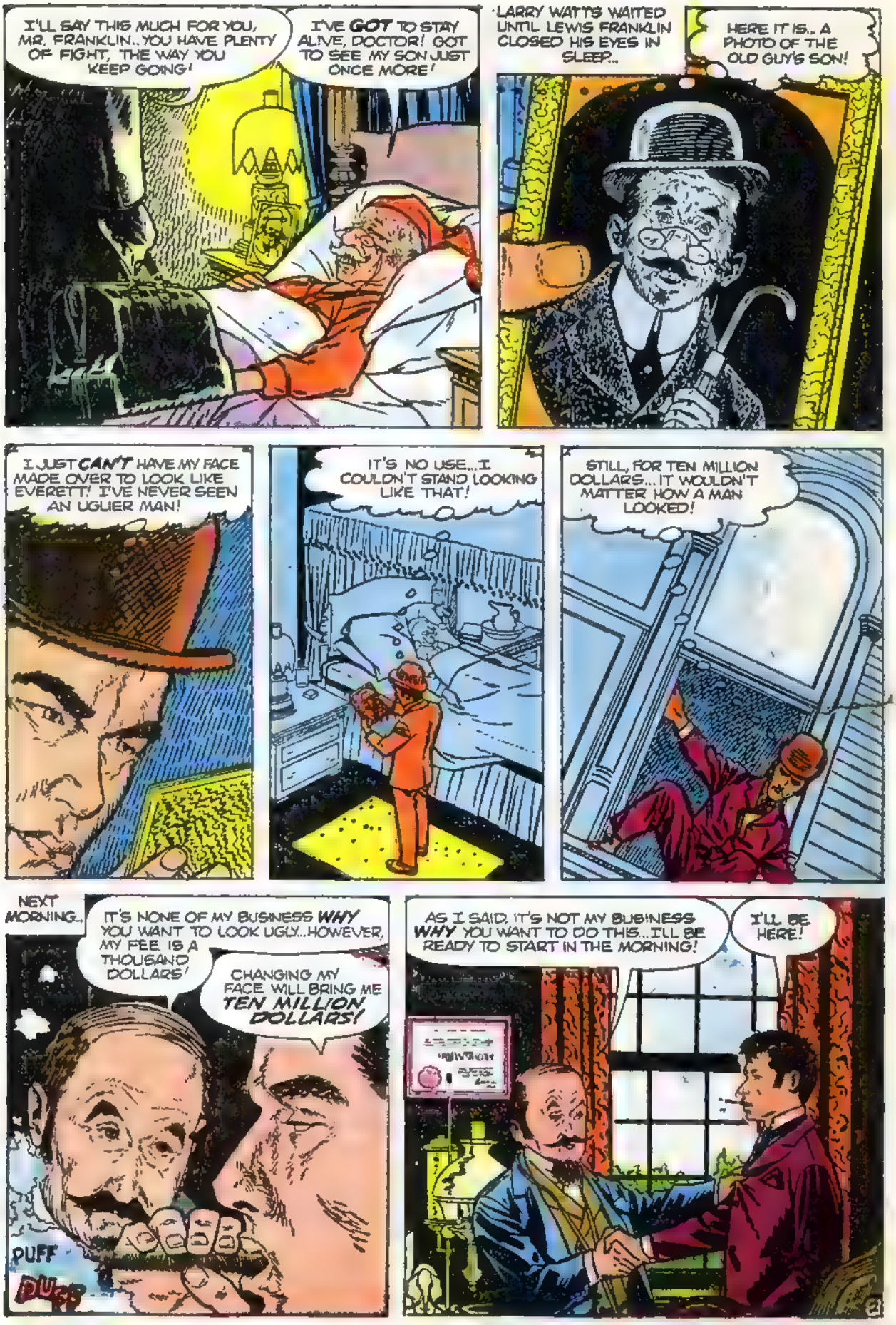

OUT OF DESPERATION AND GREED CAME A PLAN, AS LARRY WATTS MADE HIS BID FOR A $10,000,000 FORTUNE! THIS WAS THE FACE HE HAD TO IMITATE... OR WAS IT?
THE WRONG FACE!
A MYSTERY TALE TO HOLD YOU BREATHLESS!
BILL BENULIS
I HATE TO DO ANYTHING TO THIS FACE OF MINE...
BUT FOR TEN MILLION DOLLARS..
MAYBE IF I CAN SNEAK INTO THE OLD MAN'S HOUSE SOMEHOW...
WORLD-JOURNAL
MILLIONAIRE DYING, WILLS FORTUNE TO ONLY SON
THAT NIGHT, AT THE FRANKLIN MANSION...
SO FAR SO GOOD.. I WON'T HAVE ANY TROUBLE IF THAT WINDOW ISN'T LOCKED!


I'LL SAY THIS MUCH FOR YOU, MR. FRANKLIN.. YOU HAVE PLENTY OF FIGHT, THE WAY YOU KEEP GOING!
I'VE GOT TO STAY ALIVE, DOCTOR! GOT TO SEE MY SON JUST ONCE MORE!
LARRY WATTS WAITED UNTIL LEWIS FRANKLIN CLOSED HIS EYES IN SLEEP..
HERE IT IS.. A PHOTO OF THE OLD GUY'S SON!
I JUST CAN'T HAVE MY FACE MADE OVER TO LOOK LIKE EVERETT! I'VE NEVER SEEN AN UGLIER MAN!
IT'S NO USE...I COULDN'T STAND LOOKING LIKE THAT!
STILL, FOR TEN MILLION DOLLARS... IT WOULDN'T MATTER HOW A MAN LOOKED!
NEXT MORNING..
IT'S NONE OF MY BUSINESS WHY YOU WANT TO LOOK UGLY...HOWEVER, MY FEE IS A THOUSAND DOLLARS!
CHANGING MY FACE WILL BRING ME TEN MILLION DOLLARS!
PUFF
PUFF
AS I SAID, IT'S NOT MY BUSINESS WHY YOU WANT TO DO THIS...I'LL BE READY TO START IN THE MORNING!
I'LL BE HERE!
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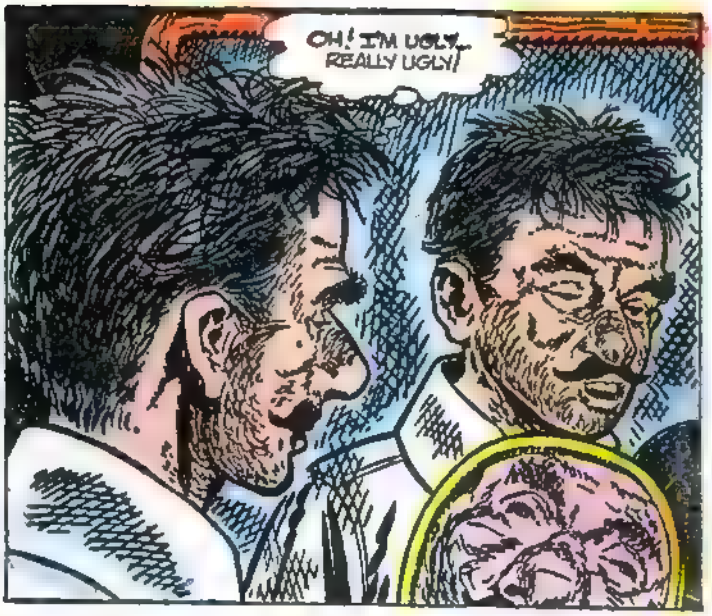
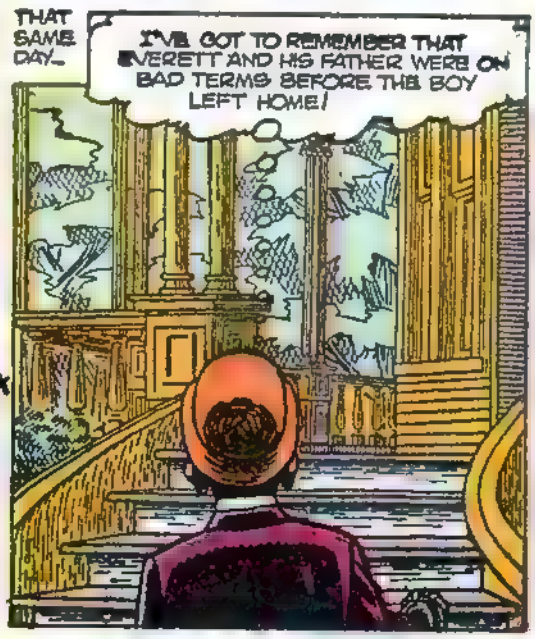
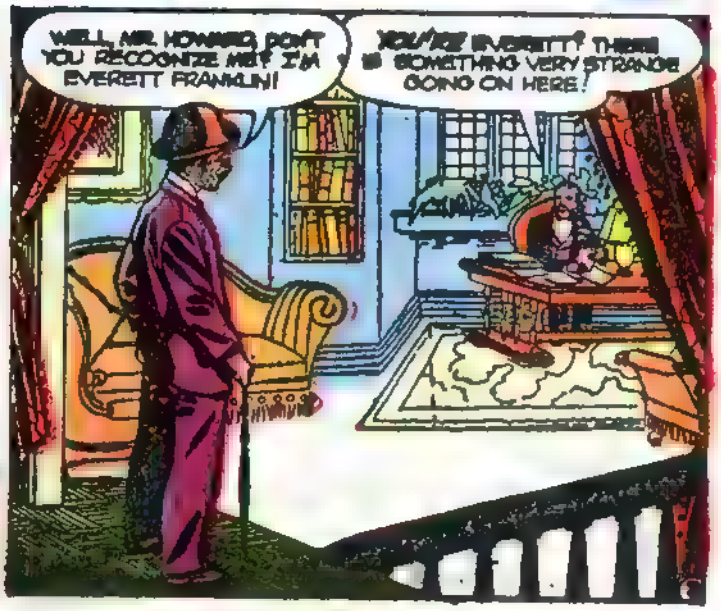
IT WAS SEVERAL WEEKS BEFORE LARRY'S FACE WAS SUFFICIENTLY HEALED FOR HIM TO REMOVE THE BANDAGES.

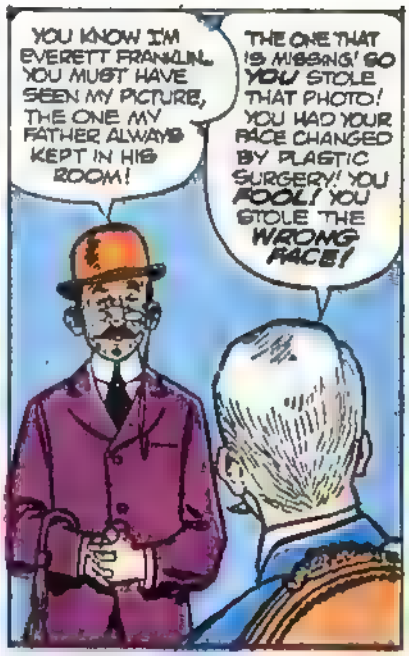
OLD FRANKLIN MAY BE GONE BY THIS TIME, BUT THAT WON'T MATTER! THERE MUST BE PLENTY OF PEOPLE WHO KNOW WHAT EVERETT FRANKLIN LOOKS LIKE!





YOUR FATHER PASSED AWAY A WEEK AGO, SIR! YOU'LL FIND HIS ATTORNEY MR. HOWARD IN THE DRAWING ROOM!
HIS LAWYER, EH? JUST THE MAN I WANT TO SEE!




YOU KNOW I'M EVERETT FRANKLIN. YOU MUST HAVE SEEN MY PICTURE, THE ONE MY FATHER ALWAYS KEPT IN HIS ROOM!
THE ONE THAT IS MISSING! SO YOU STOLE THAT PHOTO! YOU HAD YOUR FACE CHANGED BY PLASTIC SURGERY! YOU FOOL! YOU STOLE THE WRONG FACE!

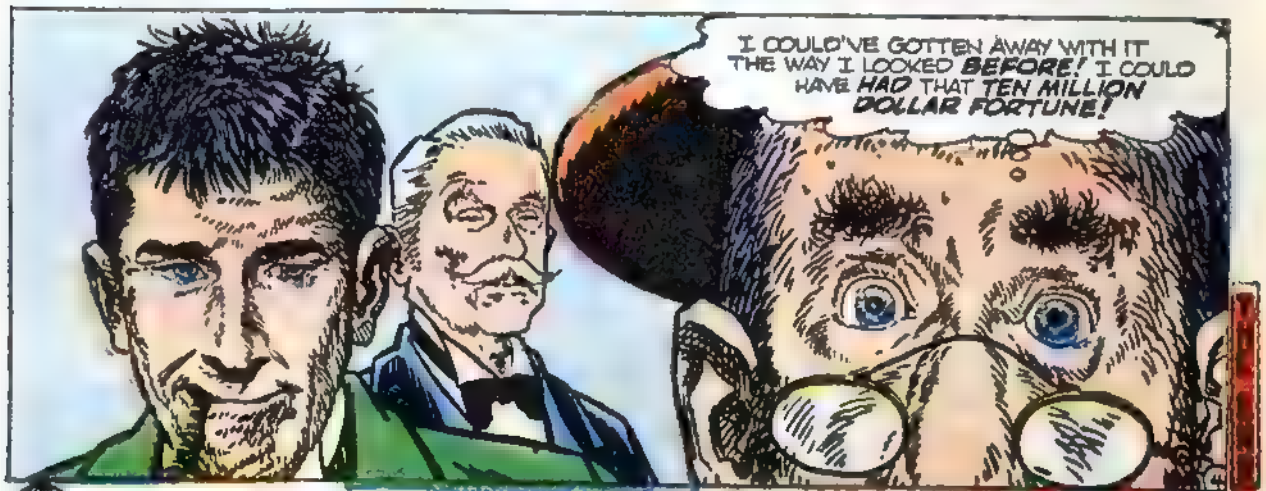
THE WRONG F...FACE? WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?
THAT PHOTO YOU TOOK WAS ONE TAKEN OF LEWIS FRANKLIN FORTY-FIVE YEARS AGO! THAT WASN'T HIS SON!

WHAT OF IT... WHY SHOULDN'T I RESEMBLE MY FATHER?
EVERETT FRANKLIN IS A HANDSOME YOUNG MAN.. HE DOESN'T LOOK AT ALL LIKE HIS FATHER!

HOW DO YOU KNOW HOW EVERETT LOOKS? I'VE BEEN AWAY FIVE YEARS!
EVERETT FRANKLIN CAME HOME A WEEK AGO, AND IF YOU'LL TURN AROUND, YOU CAN SEE FOR YOURSELF WHAT HE REALLY LOOKS LIKE!

LARRY WHEELED ABOUT AND STARED NUMBLY AT THE YOUNG MAN WHO HAD ENTERED THE DRAWING ROOM!

EVERETT FRANKLIN WAS LARRY WATTS'S *IDENTICAL DOUBLE, BEFORE* LARRY HAD CHANGED HIS FACE!



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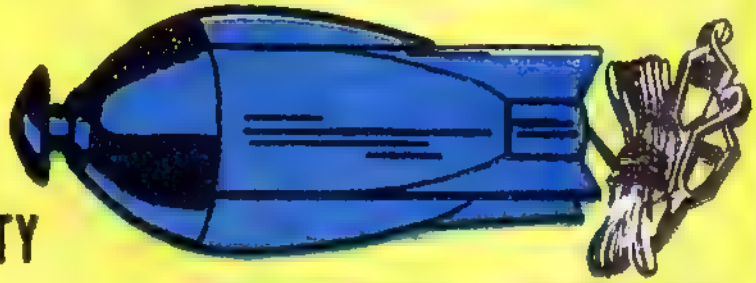

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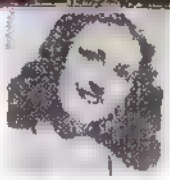

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have to give into those whims of his."

"Poor Pop," said Betty. "He was so sorry about leaving Elmira. He just can't get used to the idea of living in a strange city. I guess that's why the rug is important to him. It's something he can call his own, and in his peculiar way he thinks of it almost as he thinks of himself . . . an old cast-off . . ."

Betty wiped a sentimental tear from her eye. Fred blew his nose hard into his handkerchief.

"Don't worry, Betty," Fred reassured her. "Someday I'll make enough money to put Pop in a place of his own back in Elmira. And we'll be able to get someone to take care of him and see to it that he takes his medicine when he should. I hope we aren't too hard on him. We'll have to humor him a little more and try to understand."

The Healys started to clean up the apartment. They worked busily for some time. After an hour went by, Fred spoke up.

"I wonder what's taking Pop so long. I'm going up to the roof to see if I can help him."

"You can't do that," Betty disagreed. "You'll insult him if he thinks you don't trust him to do a simple job on his own."

Yet when still more time lapsed and Pop hadn't returned, Betty began to worry.

"I think we ought to see what he's doing. I'll go with you."

They took the elevator to the roof. Fred looked anxiously out over the flat top of the building. A few clotheslines swayed in the wind, but aside from these and the TV antennas that met their searching eyes, there was nothing else to be seen.

"Now don't get excited," Fred cautioned. "He's probably on the other side of the building. I'll call out. Pop! Hey, Pop!! He may have gone downstairs to see the superintendent about something. You better get back to the apartment, Betty. The telephone man should be along any minute now to install the phone. We better not miss him."

"Miss him!" echoed Betty. "It's Pop who's missing!"

Betty returned to the apartment, however, just in time to welcome the telephone installer. Meanwhile, Fred promised to do everything possible to locate Pop. At first, he thought that Betty was unnecessarily disturbed, but after some vain inquiries about a little old man carrying a beat-up rug, he, too, became concerned.

Even the sight of the brand new telephone in their apartment meant nothing now to the Healys. They sat morosely, staring at the floor and then out the windows with troubled eyes.

"I'd give anything," said Fred, "to hear his voice right now, even if he just says 'flurpindurp'."

Suddenly, the telephone rang. Pop's voice shouted over the receiver so that Betty could hear as Fred held the phone away from his ear.

"I'm in Elmira, kiddies," chortled Pop. "Got me a free ride back home."

"What kind of nonsense is this, Pop?" Fred demanded. "Why we've been looking all over town for you. You *can't* be in Elmira! It's hundreds of miles away, so stop kidding. Next thing you'll tell us is that you flapped your arms and flew there."

"Second best thing to that," Pop chuckled. "Son, do you realize I have me a magic carpet! I couldn't get you on the phone before now, but don't worry. I'll be back there in an hour."

The Healys waited impatiently. Sure enough, Pop showed up exactly sixty minutes later. He opened the door and stepped into the apartment with the rug bunched under his arm. The grin on his face was marvelous to see.

"Take-off and landing is a snap," he announced. "Have to watch those newfangled antennas, but I'm sure going to have fun here. I knew this rug had a certain quality the minute I laid eyes on it."

Betty and Fred were so happy to see Pop that they didn't bother scolding him. He went proudly into his room taking the "magic carpet" with him.

"We'll humor him into thinking we believe that stuff," said Fred. "Poor Pop! What an imagination! He says he just sets it on the roof, says 'Flurpindurp' and off he sails."

"As long as he's happy and in such wonderful spirits, I don't mind that tall tale of his," Betty admitted.

Just then the telephone rang again, and the operator's voice said, "Sorry to trouble you, but there was a technical slip-up in a call that went through collect on your line about an hour ago. It was long distance from Elmira. You'll accept the charges?"

"Well, yes . . . Are you *sure* it was from *Elmira*, operator?"

Fred's face looked completely baffled. Betty's eyes opened in wide amazement.

"Say, Pop, can I see that rug a minute!" Fred shouted.

"You're not going to make me get rid of it?" asked Pop warily.

"Golly, no! I just want to see if there's enough room on it for two more *flurpindurps* like Betty and me!"

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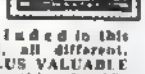
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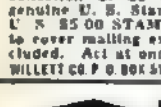

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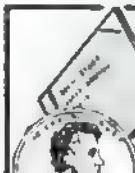

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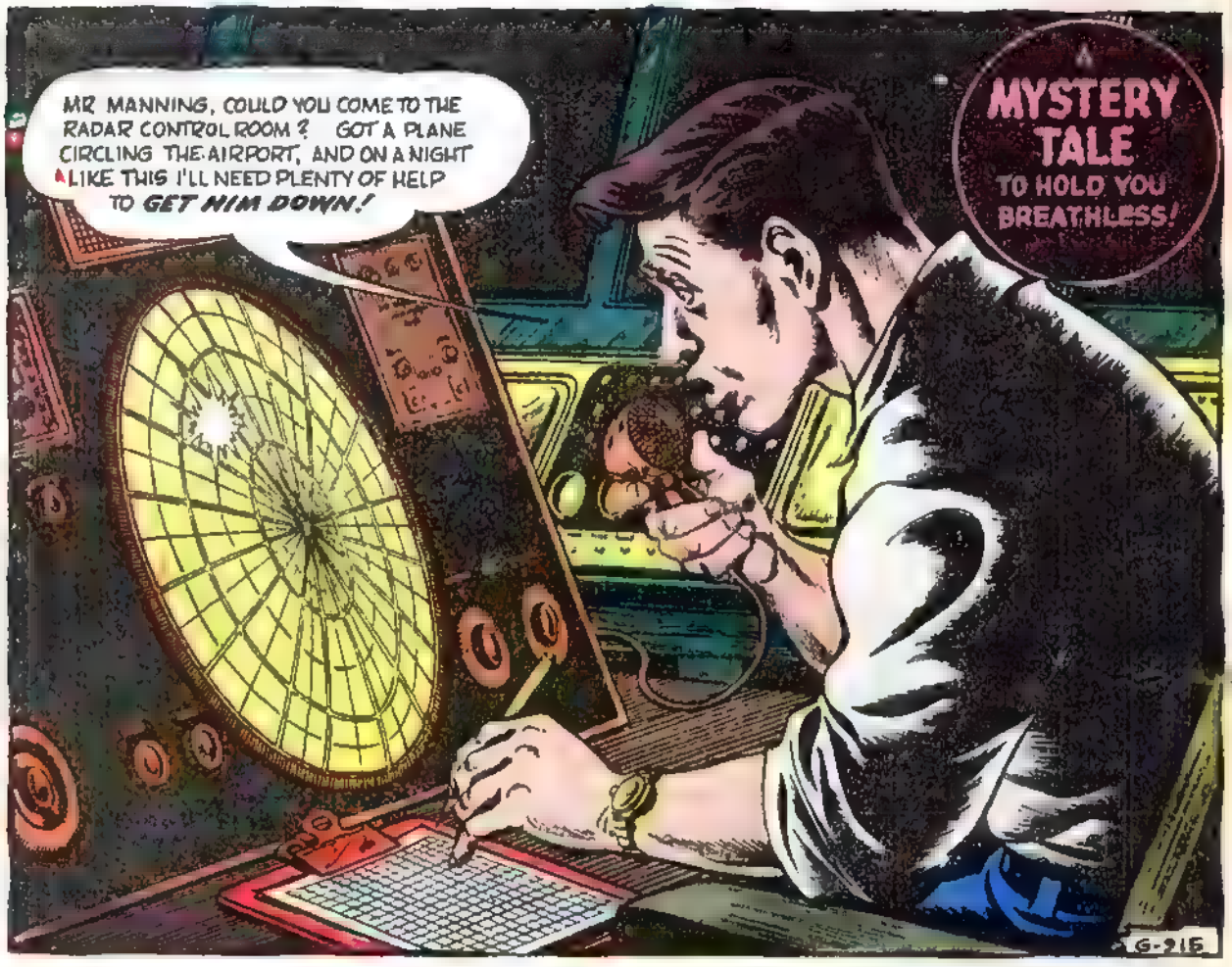
SOMETHING IN THE SKY!


MR MANNING, COULD YOU COME TO THE RADAR CONTROL ROOM? GOT A PLANE CIRCLING THE AIRPORT, AND ON A NIGHT LIKE THIS I'LL NEED PLENTY OF HELP TO *GET HIM DOWN!*
A MYSTERY TALE TO HOLD YOU BREATHLESS!
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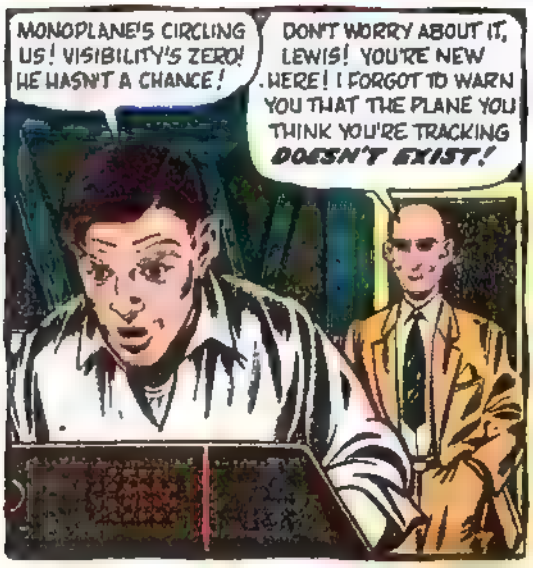
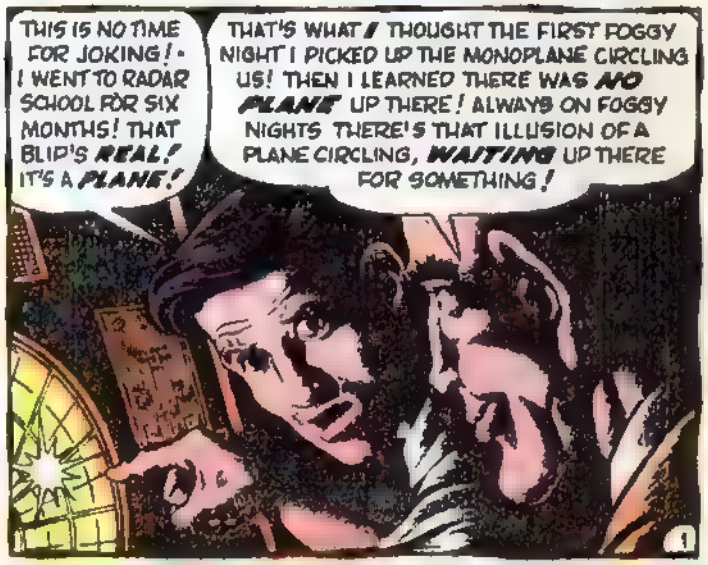
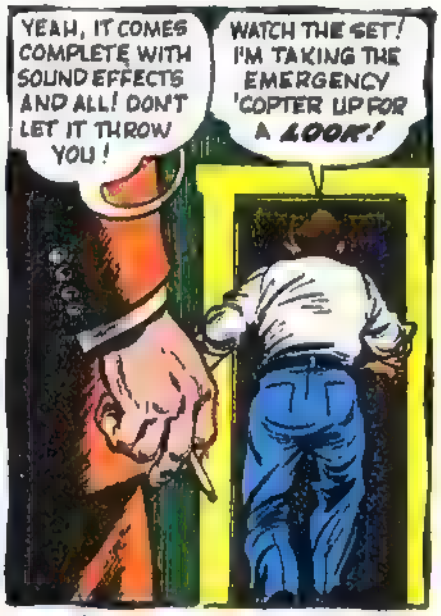
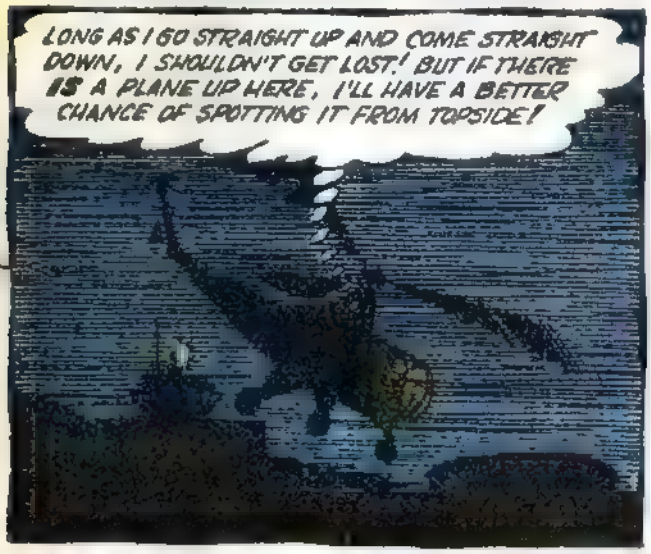

MONOPLANE'S CIRCLING US! VISIBILITY'S ZERO! HE HASN'T A CHANCE!
DON'T WORRY ABOUT IT, LEWIS! YOU'RE NEW HERE! I FORGOT TO WARN YOU THAT THE PLANE YOU THINK YOU'RE TRACKING *DOESN'T EXIST!*


THIS IS NO TIME FOR JOKING! - I WENT TO RADAR SCHOOL FOR SIX MONTHS! THAT BLIP'S *REAL!* IT'S A *PLANE!*
THAT'S WHAT I THOUGHT THE FIRST FOGGY NIGHT I PICKED UP THE MONOPLANE CIRCLING US! THEN I LEARNED THERE WAS *NO PLANE* UP THERE! ALWAYS ON FOGGY NIGHTS THERE'S THAT ILLUSION OF A PLANE CIRCLING, *WAITING* UP THERE FOR SOMETHING!

WHAT'S IT WAITING FOR? WHY DO I GET SUCH A REAL-LOOKING PATTERN ON RADAR?
I CAN'T EXPLAIN IT! ALL I KNOW IS THAT EVERY FOGGY NIGHT FOR THE LAST SIX WEEKS, THAT PHANTOM PLANE APPEARS ON THE SCREEN! BUT WE'VE CHECKED, AND THERE'S NO PLANE CIRCLING US!


YEAH, IT COMES COMPLETE WITH SOUND EFFECTS AND ALL! DON'T LET IT THROW YOU!
WATCH THE SET! I'M TAKING THE EMERGENCY 'COPTER UP FOR A LOOK!

AS THE ROLLING FOG SWIRLS AROUND HIM, LEWIS CAREFULLY JOCKEYS THE HELICOPTER SKYWARD....


LONG AS I GO STRAIGHT UP AND COME STRAIGHT DOWN, I SHOULDN'T GET LOST! BUT IF THERE IS A PLANE UP HERE, I'LL HAVE A BETTER CHANCE OF SPOTTING IT FROM TOPSIDE!

HIS EYES STRAINING, LEWIS PEERS INTO THE GRAYING CURTAIN OF MIST, AS SUDDENLY A SHADOW LOOMS CLOSE BY....

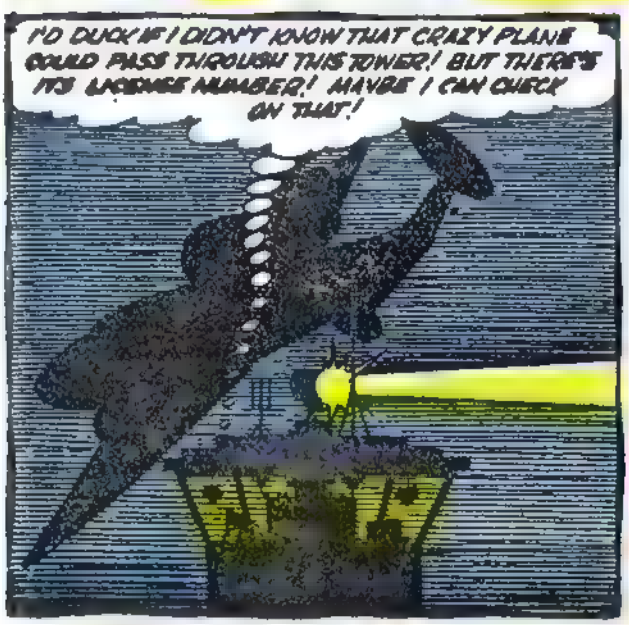
BUT AS THE 'COPTER RISES IN THE FOG, DEPRIVED OF ALL SENSE OF DISTANCE BY THE WAVERING MIST, LEWIS SUDDENLY FREEZES AT THE CONTROLS....

THEN, CAPTAIN INCREDULOUSLY, LEWIS SITS IN SHOCKED AMAZEMENT, AS THE PLANE PASSES RIGHT THROUGH HIS SEEMINGLY DOOMED COPTER---

STILL TREMBLING, LEWIS TOUCHES DOWN ON THE AIRFIELD---

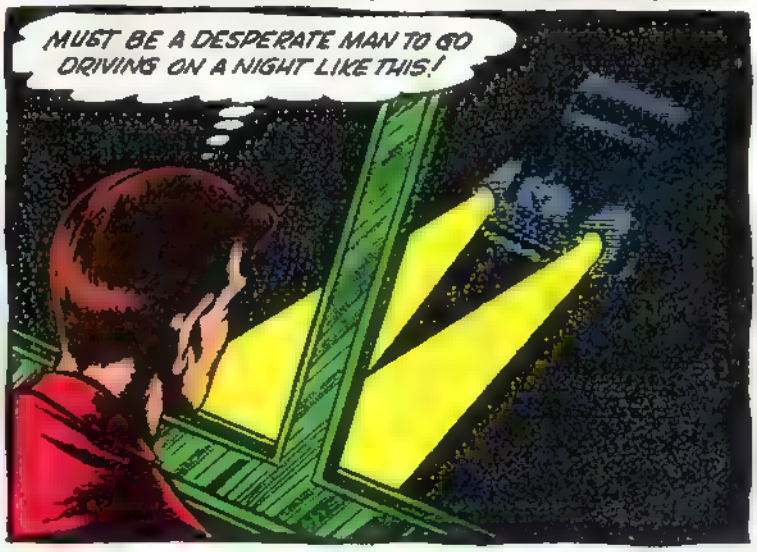
THAT PLANE UP THERE---I PASSED THROUGH IT! IT DOESN'T MAKE SENSE! WHAT KIND OF A PLANE CAN YOU PASS THROUGH? WHY'S IT WAITING UP THERE?
LET ME GIVE YOU A HAND! YOU LOOK SHAKY!

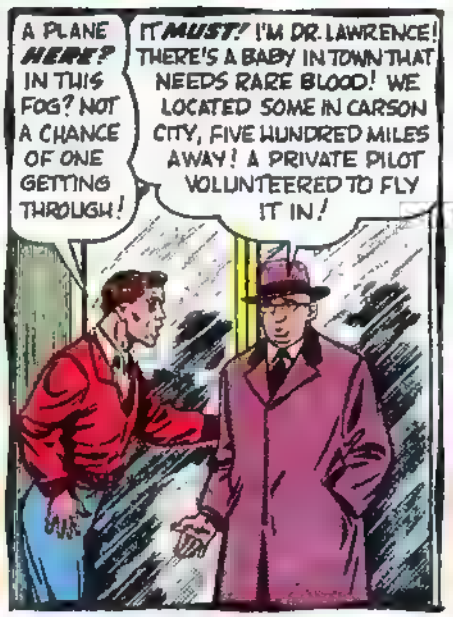
THE NEXT FOGGY NIGHT, LEWIS IS AGAIN ON RADAR DUTY! NO TRAFFIC IS EXPECTED AT THE FOG-ISOLATED AIRFIELD, UNTIL SUDDENLY---


I'D DUCK IF I DIDN'T KNOW THAT CRAZY PLANE COULD PASS THROUGH THIS TOWER! BUT THERE'S ITS LICENSE NUMBER! MAYBE I CAN CHECK ON THAT!

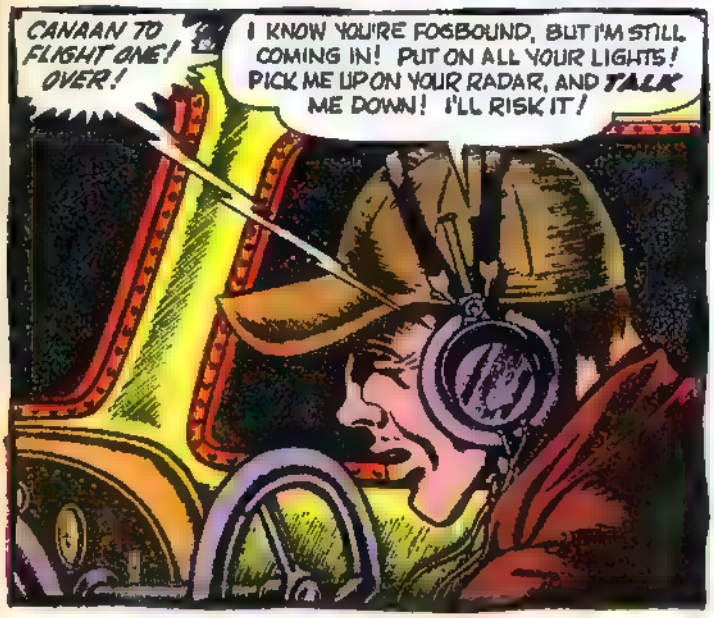
THUMBING THROUGH A CATALOG, LEWIS COMES UP WITH THE STRANGE PLANE'S LICENSE! IT BELONGS TO A PRIVATE OPERATOR IN A LARGE CITY FIVE HUNDRED MILES AWAY! LEWIS CALLS THAT AIRFIELD---

A WEEK LATER, AS FOG AGAIN CLOSES IN THE AIRFIELD, LEWIS SEES A PAIR OF CAR HEADLIGHTS CUTTING THROUGH THE MIST....

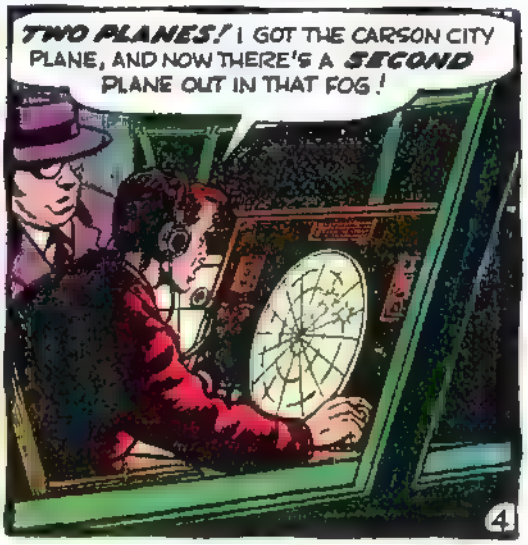


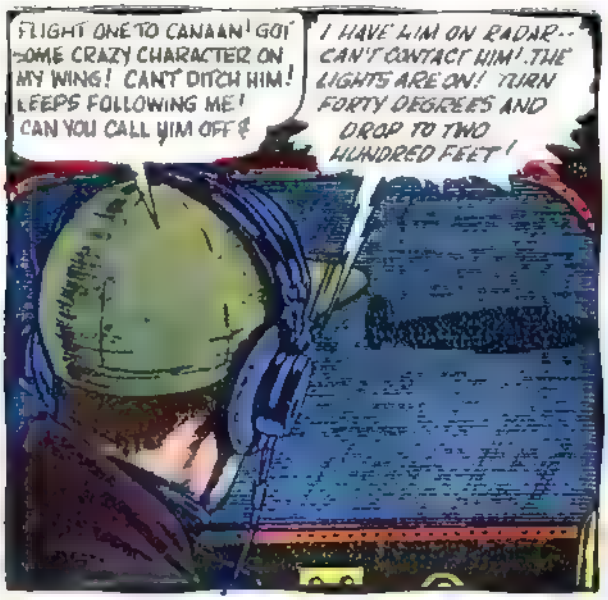

A PLANE HERE? IN THIS FOG? NOT A CHANCE OF ONE GETTING THROUGH!
IT MUST! I'M DR. LAWRENCE! THERE'S A BABY IN TOWN THAT NEEDS RARE BLOOD! WE LOCATED SOME IN CARSON CITY, FIVE HUNDRED MILES AWAY! A PRIVATE PILOT VOLUNTEERED TO FLY IT IN!

FLIGHT ONE FROM CARSON CITY TO CANAAN AIRPORT! COME IN!
DOC! THAT'S YOUR PILOT! I'M AFRAID HE'S CALLING TO TELL YOU HE HAD TO TURN BACK!

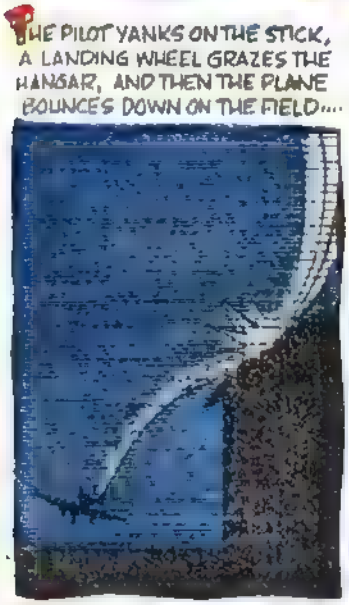

CANAAN TO FLIGHT ONE! OVER!
I KNOW YOU'RE FOGBOUND, BUT I'M STILL COMING IN! PUT ON ALL YOUR LIGHTS! PICK ME UP ON YOUR RADAR, AND TALK ME DOWN! I'LL RISK IT!

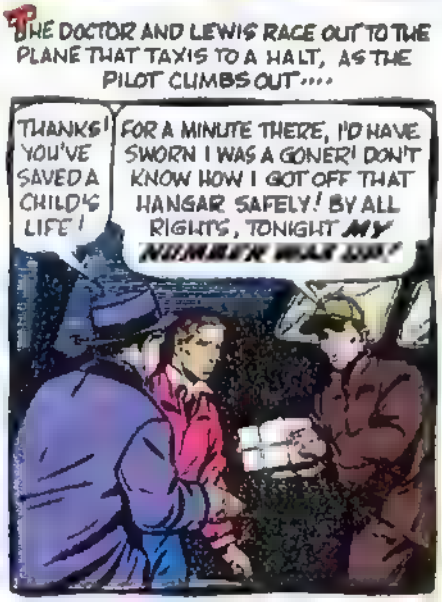
TENSE MINUTES LATER, LEWIS PICKS UP THE MERCY PLANE ON HIS RADAR, BUT SUDDENLY....

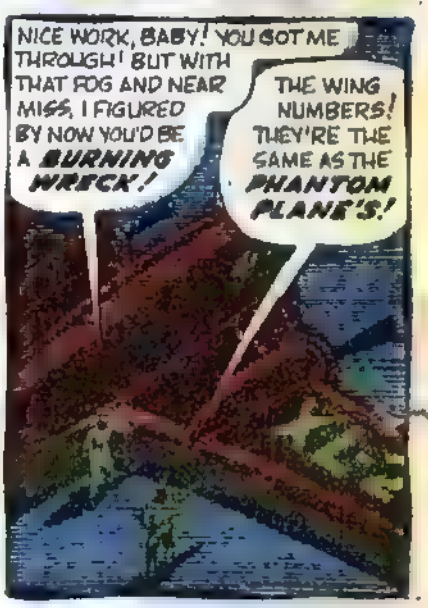


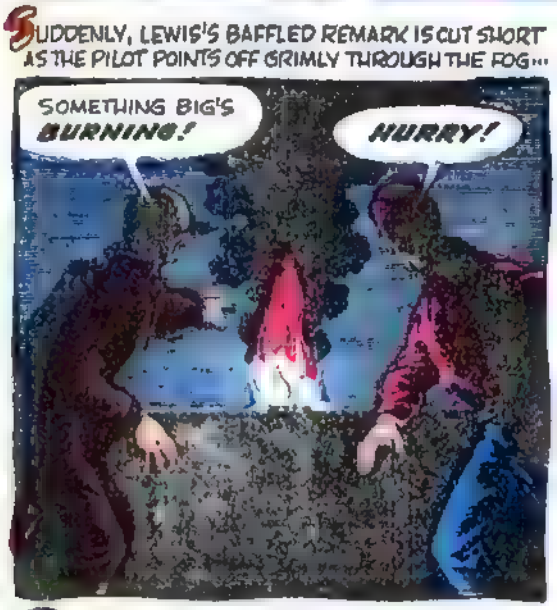

FLIGHT ONE TO CANAAN! GOT SOME CRAZY CHARACTER ON MY WING! CAN'T DITCH HIM! KEEPS FOLLOWING ME! CAN YOU CALL HIM OFF?
I HAVE HIM ON RADAR--CAN'T CONTACT HIM! THE LIGHTS ARE ON! TURN FORTY DEGREES AND DROP TO TWO HUNDRED FEET!

SIDE BY SIDE, THE TWO PLANES APPROACH THE FOG-SHROUDED FIELD AS LEWIS TALKS THE MERCY PLANE DOWN...
UP! NOSE UP! YOU'RE COMING IN TOO LOW!




THE DOCTOR AND LEWIS RACE OUT TO THE PLANE THAT TAXIS TO A HALT, AS THE PILOT CLIMBS OUT....
THANKS! YOU'VE SAVED A CHILD'S LIFE!
FOR A MINUTE THERE, I'D HAVE SWORN I WAS A GONER! DON'T KNOW HOW I GOT OFF THAT HANGAR SAFELY! BY ALL RIGHTS, TONIGHT MY NUMBER WAS UP!


NICE WORK, BABY! YOU GOT ME THROUGH! BUT WITH THAT FOG AND NEAR MISS, I FIGURED BY NOW YOU'D BE A BURNING WRECK!
THE WING NUMBERS! THEY'RE THE SAME AS THE PHANTOM PLANE'S!


SUDDENLY, LEWIS'S BAFFLED REMARK IS CUT SHORT AS THE PILOT POINTS OFF GRIMLY THROUGH THE FOG...
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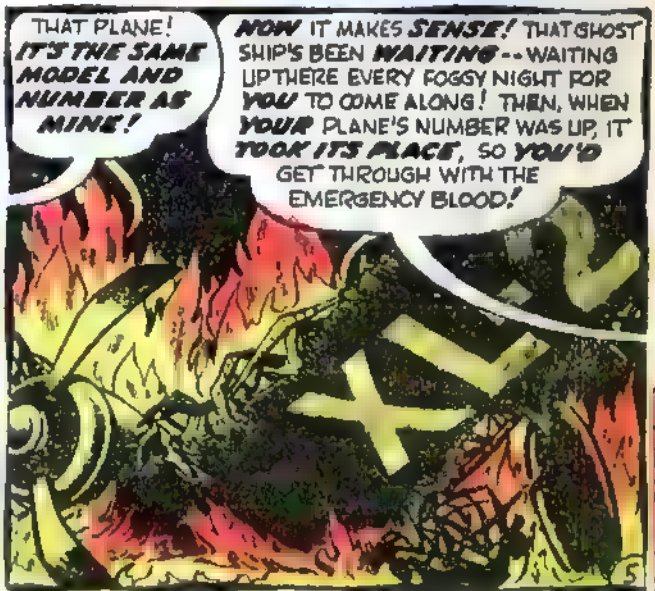
THAT PLANE! IT'S THE SAME MODEL AND NUMBER AS MINE!
NOW IT MAKES SENSE! THAT GHOST SHIP'S BEEN WAITING--WAITING UP THERE EVERY FOGGY NIGHT FOR YOU TO COME ALONG! THEN, WHEN YOUR PLANE'S NUMBER WAS UP, IT TOOK ITS PLACE, SO YOU'D GET THROUGH WITH THE EMERGENCY BLOOD!
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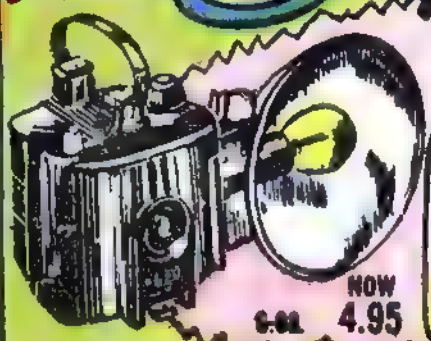

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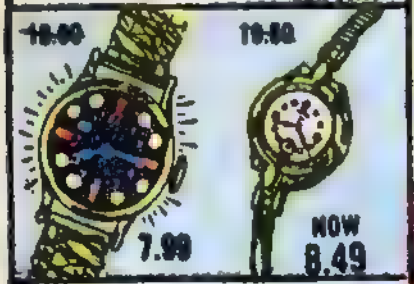

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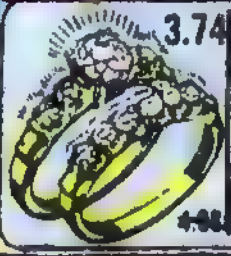

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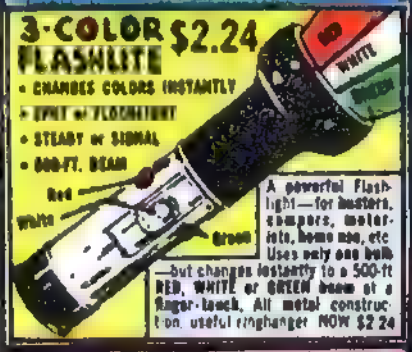

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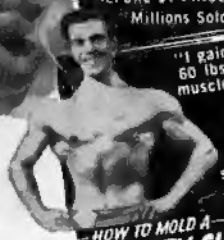

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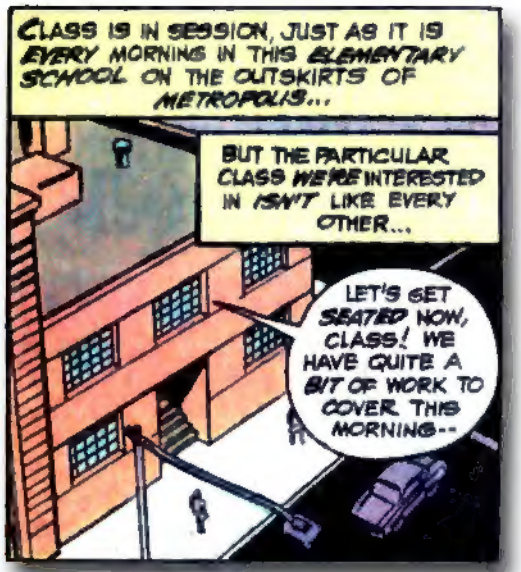
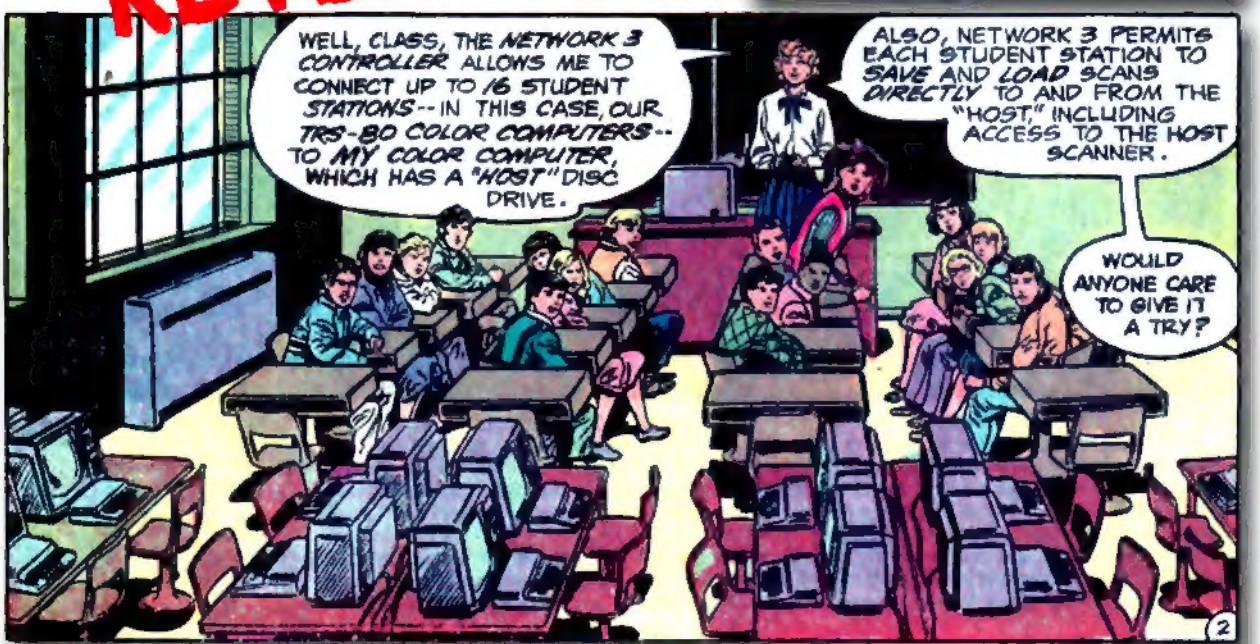

CLASS IS IN SESSION, JUST AS IT IS EVERY MORNING IN THIS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL ON THE OUTSKIRTS OF METROPOLIS...
BUT THE PARTICULAR CLASS WE'RE INTERESTED IN ISN'T LIKE EVERY OTHER...
LET'S GET SEATED NOW, CLASS! WE HAVE QUITE A BIT OF WORK TO COVER THIS MORNING--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WOULD ANYONE CARE TO GIVE IT A TRY?
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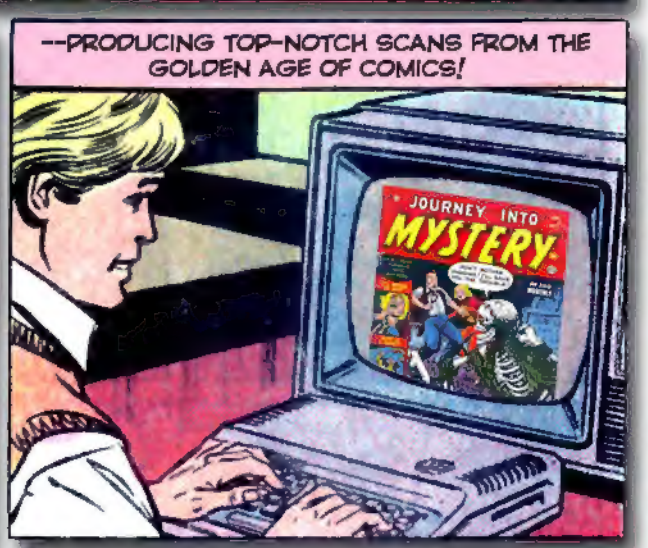

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